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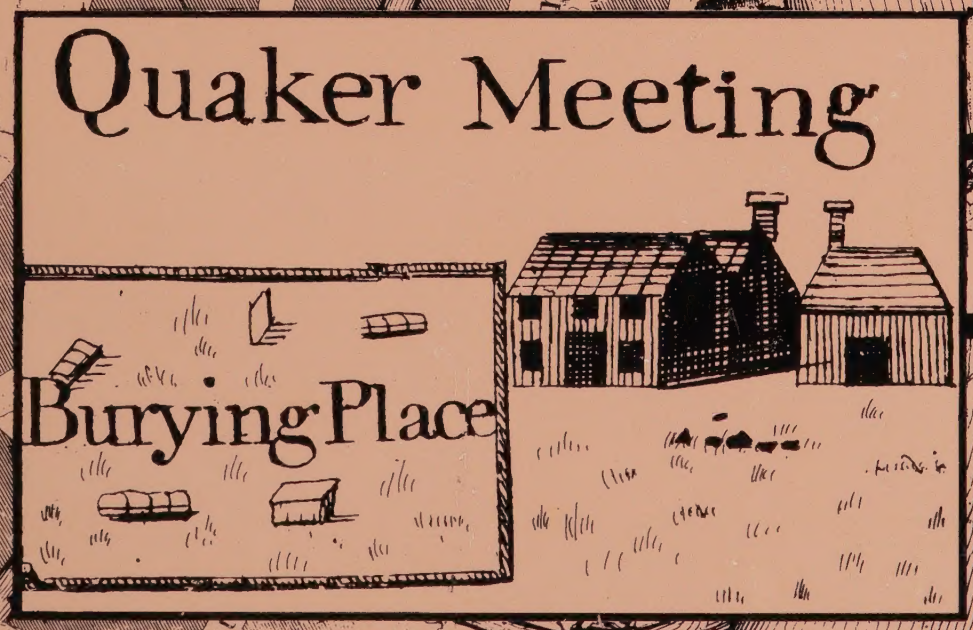

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Preface

This edition of the earliest minute book of the Preparative Meeting of the Society of Friends in Leeds, running from 1692 to 1712, is undertaken under authority of a minute of Leeds Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends, September 1978.

Here is, for the first time, a record society publication of a volume of minutes from an urban preparative meeting for church government in the Society of Friends. It is valuable both for the material it contains and for the opportunities which now begin to open up for comparative work with other cognate records. It can be set beside the two volumes of Minutes of the Bristol Men's Meeting (Bristol Record Society, 1971, 1978) covering the period 1667–1704, the two rural Friends' meeting books which have appeared up to now — the Upperside of Buckinghamshire Monthly Meeting, 1669–1690 (ed. B. S. Snell. Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society: Records Branch, 1937), and Gainsborough Monthly Meeting, 1669–1719 (ed. H. W. Brace. Lincoln Record Society, 3 vols. 1948–51). The contents will be found to cover ground which will be known to a wider public through another nonconformist record, *The church book of Bunyan Meeting, 1650–1821*, which was published in 1928 in facsimile from the manuscript entitled 'A Booke containing a record of the acts of a congregation of Christ in and about Bedford, and a brief account of their first gathering'. This has more recently been edited for the Bedfordshire Historical Record Society by H. G. Tibbutt, and issued as vol. 55 in its series of publications, 1976.

In the organisation of the Society of Friends the preparative meetings stand in the primary position, closest to the members in their daily lives and representing them to the monthly meeting covering the district. Two aspects have to be recognised. The monthly meeting stood as the executive meeting for Friends in the area, but the preparative meeting would have large control over its own affairs, particularly when it was the sole Friends' meeting perhaps in a town. The meeting would still be in form preparatory to monthly meeting, but a proportion of the business would be within its own competence and responsibility.

Leeds Meeting regularly appointed representatives to monthly meeting, regularly sent up reports for registration of births, burials, and the final sanctions for the marriage procedure. The meeting transmitted Leeds collections for meeting expenses and for the support of the poor (and claimed back its own payments from the common fund), and passed on to monthly meeting disciplinary business and dealings with the backsliders who proved refractory. Within its own sphere the meeting watched over meetings for worship, cared for buildings and upkeep of premises, cared for the spiritual and temporal welfare of members, looked after the poor, gave preliminary consideration to marriages, watched over the behaviour of Friends and those who came to be associated with them.

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Introduction

Since Wilfrid Allott's *Leeds Quaker Meeting* (Thoresby Society Miscellany, vol. 14, pt. 1, 1966) gives an account of the history of the meeting which is firmly based in his study of the minute books, there is no need here to repeat the information readily available in his work.

Friends first came to Leeds in 1651, but records of the Leeds Meeting and its business for the first forty years of its existence do not survive. The keeping of records did not come easily.

Half a century after the rise of Quakerism, Friends began to show interest in collecting material concerning the history of the movement. In the 1690s appeared various works on the development of the Society of Friends, including the non-Quaker Gerard Croese's *Historia Quakeriana* and various works by Charles Leslie the non-juror and controversialist. Friends were not so forthcoming until a little later. The first major history of Quakerism published by Friends was William Sewel's folio volume, first published in Dutch in 1717, and translated by himself into English, 1722, but there had been others. John Whiting's *Persecution expos'd, in some memoirs*, 1715, dated from Wrington in 1696 but not printed until the later date, deals with Quakerism in the west of England; sections in Quaker journals and memoirs give material on the history of Friends in the districts where the Friends concerned lived and worked; and there is William Penn's *Brief account of the rise and progress of the people called Quakers*, 1694, which first appeared as a preface to George Fox's *Journal.*

Evidence of this interest in the beginnings of the movement is found in the Leeds minutes with the Quarterly Meeting's request for information concerning 'what publick Friends first preached the Gospel and settled meetings'. Richard Armistead, William Cowell, Joshua Dickenson, and Stephen Elbeck were appointed to investigate (24 Jan 1705),[1] and to report their findings in writing (21 Feb 1705). The results of enquiries at this time found their way into returns to London,

[1] The dates given in parentheses are those of minutes when specific points are illustrated.

where deliberations at the Second Day Morning Meeting in June 1704 seem to have sparked off the enquiries in the counties, which were transmitted from York and came to Leeds. The accounts which got back to London were preserved in manuscript, and finally appeared in print a couple of centuries later, edited by Norman Penney as: *The First Publishers of Truth* (Friends' Historical Society, 1907).

YORKSHIRE FRIENDS' MEETINGS

Friends' meetings in Yorkshire have been grouped in monthly meetings at least from the 1660s. Over the years the number of monthly meetings has varied; at present the number within Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting is seven (Guisborough and Richmond monthly meetings being now in Durham Quarterly Meeting).

The following names of Yorkshire meetings are transcribed from a list drawn up in March 1669 now in the Quarterly Meeting archives at Clifford Street Meeting House, York, and printed in the *Journal of the Friends' Historical Society*, vol. 2, 1905. The list includes names of leading Friends in each meeting, but these have been omitted here.

Divided first into Ridings and then into monthly meetings, the list gives names of meetings and of the 'Townes belonging Meetings' (in brackets).

A List of all the meetings in the County & Cytye of Yorke, as they were devided into Monthly Meetings, Att a quarterly meeting at Yorke, the 18th Day of the 1th Month 1668/9.

West Ryding

Thes four Meetings one Monthly Meetting

Yorke (Dunnington, Fowforth[Fulford]), Tadcaster (Shearburne, Bramham, Newton, Millforth, Hillam), Selbye (Braton, Skipwith, Cottenworth, Aughton), Whicksley (Audborough, Shagetfeild [Shacklefield House, near Linton Lock *suggested*], Green Hamerton, Nunmounton)

Thes fower Meetings one Monthly Meeting

Fishlocke (Thorne, Pollington, Sikehousse, Rocliffe[Rawcliffe]), Ballbye (Cantley, Harlington, Warnsworth, Hooton Panell), Sinderhill (Haggenthorp[Hackenthorpe, Derbyshire], Woodhousse), Sheffeild (Moorewood)

Thes fower Meetings one Monthly Meeting

Pontefrak (Knottinley), Denbye (Woodaille, Hoyle& Swaine

[Hoyland Swaine], Langside, Midupp), Burton (Barnsley, Ardsley, Harlington, Billinsley, Coodworth, Carlton), Wakefeild (Ossett)

Thes four Meetings one Monthly Meeting
Brighousse (Leversedge, Oakinshaw, Bradford, Bowling, Great Horton), Leeds (Morley, Carlton, Houlbeck, Hunslett, Cherell, Wortley, Woodhousse), Manklinholes[Mankinholes] (Stanfeild, Longfeild, Rushforth[Rishworth]), Hallifax (Rushforth)

Thes 7 Meetings make one Monthly Meeting
Knasbrough (Scotton, Harragate, Pannell), Kighley (Steeton, Stanberye), Guysley, Netherdaile, Beamsley (Boulton, Adingham), Weston (Ackwith[Askwith], Farnley), Bradley (Silsden, Skipton, Carlton, Lothersdale, Cuninley)

Thes 6 Meetings one Monthly Meeting
Settle (Stainforth, Eldrah), Bentham, Scalehousse (Airton, Rilston, Heaton[Hetton], Crayka[Cracoe], Flassbye, Ashton[Eshton]), Broughton (Kellbrough, Ayrbye[Earby], Salterforth, Barellwicke [Barnoldswick]), Scarhousse (Litton, Burton, Arncliffe, Starbotten), Bowland (Bolland)

North Ryding

Thes 4 Meetings one Monthly Meeting
Malton (Old Malton, Holme[South Holme *probably*], Hovingham, Rullington[Rillington], Scamston, Langton, Setterington), Marrish (Pickering, Thornton, Wrellton, Asleybye), Burdsall (Acklam, Leavening), Barton (Crome[Crambe], Boomer[Bulmer], Shirifhutton, Strensill, Thornton

Thurske. Thes four meetings one Monthly Meeting
Craike (Sutton, Hubye, Toullerton, Thoulterup[Tholthorpe], Stillington), Wildon (Thursk, Bolke[Balke], Oulstead, Greife [Griffen Farm *perhaps*], Ampleford), Burrabye (Osmotherley, Thimelbye, Allerton, Keybecke), Bildaill

Richmond. Thes four Meetings one Monthly meeting
Hartforth & Cattericke belongs to Richmond, Swaldaile, Wenserdale And Coverdaile, Massam (Paterick Brunton, Well, Burton)

Gisburgh. Thes 5 Meetings one Monthly Meeting
Stoxley (Carlton, Eaton[Ayton]), Airson, Gisbrough (Scugdaill, Lazenbye, Lacconbye), Leverton (Rowsby, Morsom, Hinderwell, Elerbye, Lealam[Lealholm], Westerdaill, Danbye), Rosdaill (Farndaill, Hutton in the hole, Gillimoore, Kirbye Mooreside)

These three meetings one monethly meetinge
Scarbrough (Seamer, Orton[Irton], Eaton[Ayton], Wikehoulme), Silpha (Harwood dale, Burniston, Hacknes, Stainton Daile, Sufeild), Whitbye (Fyling daill, Mytan Hill[Mitten Hill], Ravens Hill, Eastraw[Eastrow], Lairpooll[Larpool])

East Ryding
Northwoldes. Thes 5 Meetings one Monthly Meeting
Ulram (Barniston[Barmston], Skipson[Skipsea], Beeforth, Bonwick), Kelke (Harpham, Grainsmire, Foston, Brigham, Fradingham), Cottam (Kellam, Skeene, Nafforton, South Burne, Garton, Emswell, Langtofft), Bridlington (The Key, Benton [Bempton], Carnabye, Hunmanbye, Hastrope), Kirby Dale (Kirby, Octon, Butterwicke, East Lutton, Duglebye, Towle throp, Fryday throp, East Heaserton, Shearburne)
Holderness [Six meetings]
Owstwicke (Hillston, Rosse, Burton Pidsee, Elsthornwicke, Flinton, Albrough, Tunstall, Remswell, Waxham, Halsham), Pattrington (Welwick, Shresling[Skeffling *suggested*], Easington, Killsea, Newton, Hompton, Weathernsea, Hollam, Ottringham), Paull (Kenningham, Royall[Ryhill]), Sutton (Wawne, Ganstead, Coniston, Bilton, Musse[Meaux] & Swine, Throtlebye[Thirkleby], Skertley[Skirlaugh *suggested*]), Hull (Marefleett, Newland), Hornsea (Seaton, Burton[Brandsburton], Nunkeat[l]ing, Hatfeild, Cowden)
[Elloughton. Six meetings]
Eloughton (Ferrybye, Eliker, Brantingham, Cave, Brough, Elher Thorpe), Weeton[Weighton] (Cliffe, Holme, Shipton, Sancton, Goodmandam), Houlden[Howden] (Knedlington, Saltmarch, Rednesse, Swinfleett), Pocklington (Willton, Barnby), Wallter [Warter], Beverley (Lockington, Woodmansey, Cottingham, Chery Burton)

Over the years the picture changed somewhat. A similar list of Yorkshire meetings was received at Brighouse Monthly Meeting from York on 24 Nov 1710. It is entered into the Brighouse minute book (Q2, pages 168–71) and gives the following information for Brighouse Monthly Meeting in that year:

6 Particular Meetings: Leeds, Bradford, Brighouse, Hallifax, Mankinholes, Guildersome

Monthly Meeting days: Last 6th day in the month, except that before the Yearly Meeting at Yorke [held in June], then on 2d day at Leeds

Week dayes meetings: 4th Day Bradford, Hallifax 4th, Leeds 4th & an Evening meeting on the 6th, Mankinholes 5th, & Guildersome 5th.

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

The pattern of meetings for worship had become established long before the minute book opens and nowhere does there appear to be any formal statement of times and places. Causes of absence from meeting were enquired into as part of the usual enquiries after backsliders. Friends were appointed to speak to Ann Wilkinson 'to know her reasons' for not attending, and she was found to be lame and in need of relief (29 July 1696).

Friends were dealt with for sleeping during meetings, and once the matter is mentioned in the minutes: 'divers friends giving way to sleape in the said Meetings', two Friends were appointed 'to speake to such friends in order to bring them of[f] the said practices' (28 July 1703). Weekday meetings on Wednesdays and Fridays are recorded. In 1704 it was proposed that the Wednesday meeting should begin at 10 o'clock (22 Nov 1704), but the following month it was agreed 'that for the future the Fourth-day-Meetings gather betwixt the 10th & 11th hours in the Morning', relaxing the rule a little (20 Dec 1704).

Evening meetings on Sundays were appointed to circulate between three separate Friends' houses in Leeds (23 Aug 1699), and Friends of Armley, Farnley and Wortley were given liberty to appoint an evening meeting for their own neighbourhoods. In November 1700 an evening meeting was authorised to be held at the home of Aaron Atkinson.

Securing good and timely attendance at meetings exercised Friends' minds at various times, and the 10 o'clock arrangement in 1704 may have been the result of an attempt to achieve the desired end. In the 1690s weekday meetings seem to have met in early afternoon, 1 p.m. 'as near as possible' is mentioned in September 1697. In 1712 the overseers were to speak to any friends that 'make a practice of comeing late' (16 Jan 1712).

Preparative meetings were reported to be restricted for want of time to complete their business, and they were ordered henceforth to meet at noon in summer, at 11 a.m. in winter (26 Feb 1701) on the Wednesdays when they met. This was quite apart from the natural difficulty in

securing attendance by people who might be thought to need admonition for misdemeanour, or who felt they could ill afford time off daily work to attend to the business of the meeting.

A meeting was allowed at Leeds Meeting House, to satisfy 'some ould & weake people aboute Leeds', on the day when 'the Meeting is at Morley' (28 Jan 1702). This arrangement was confirmed expressly when Friends in Leeds were allowed to have a meeting 'on the 6th days at even' (27 March 1706).

Meetings in the villages on the outskirts of Leeds are not well recorded generally. A 'Generall Meeting at Farnley' was mooted in 1700. Two years later the meeting normally held at Morley was to be held at Leeds rather than at William Benson's at Morley, since he was under a cloud for driving away with his own cows one that was not his (24 Feb 1702).

The growth and establishment of the Gildersome meeting can be followed, beginning when Gildersome Friends asked to hold a weekday meeting 'this winter, on the 5th day, once or twice in the month' (24 Oct 1705). The application was approved and a meeting was agreed, twice a month 'to be held at Gildersom Town', to miss the preparative meeting week, and to gather between 10 and 11 in the forenoon. 'Friends of that Side to be diligent in attending the said Meeting at Gildersom,' and to continue to attend the weekday meeting at Leeds 'when the Meeting is not with them'. The arrangements were considered again at the end of the winter, and were 'continued for this Summer' (27 March 1706). Two years later Gildersome Friends received consent from Leeds, confirmed by monthly meeting, to hold a meeting 'on every first, & third, first-days in every month, at Gildersome Town, & not elsewhere'. On other days Friends were to attend Leeds meeting as before (28 Jan, 25 Feb 1708).

In the spring of 1709 'Friends at Gildersome &c. had thoughts of building a meeting house at their owne proper charge' (27 April 1709). Next winter Leeds meeting agreed that 'Gildersom have three first-day-meetings in the month when there falls 5 first-days in a month, & that they may have a week-day-meeting every week, excepting that in which our preparative-meeting is kept' (25 Jan 1710). A month later 'Friends about Gildersome &c. desire to be a meeting of themselves' (22 Feb 1710). The following month Leeds meeting allowed Gildersome to ask monthly meeting for approval, 'desiring that they may wait purely upon the Lord for his Divine assistance . . . to lead into the due frequenting of their meetings both first days & other days, as week-days &c. & that in due time; and to be zealous in dealing with disorderly

persons, and encouraging such as fear the Lord, & what other things may be for the honour of God; that they may be a people to the praise of the Blessed Truth wee make profession of' (29 March 1710).

MEETING PROPERTY

The first property belonging to Friends mentioned in the minutes is the burial ground in Meadow Lane purchased from John Cummin in 1672 for £64. Burials recorded in the thirty-four years to 1706 number 209. In 1695 the minutes give a list of subscribers towards the costs of walling the burial ground, and there are also notes of repairs to the wall of a burial ground at Morley. The relative affluence of members of the meeting may be indicated by the amounts subscribed in 1695: Robert Arthington gave £1, William Jackson, Benjamin Horner and Richard Armistead gave 10s. each, no one else gave more than 6s.

Burials were restricted to those of Friends in good standing. A minute of 28 Sept 1698 directed that the burial of those disowned, and not received back through repentance, was not to be allowed in Friends' burial place. It may be noted that burials in Friends' burial grounds are still subject to order made on behalf of the monthly meeting.

Meeting house property is mentioned in the Quarter Sessions certificate of 12 July 1699 (entered in the minutes at 26 July) recording and permitting the use by Friends of a new meeting house, and of the houses of Richard Armistead, Benjamin Horner and William Pycock in Leeds, and of Joshua North in Wortley. In the 1690s Friends were meeting in Boar Lane and repairs are noticed in 1692, 1695 (moss for roofing), 27 April and 27 July 1698 (a collection of £1 17s. 9d. and its disposal).

The new meeting house in Water Lane mentioned in the Quarter Sessions certificate was first used on 24 Sept 1699, before it was finished. Money was borrowed at interest to pay the wages of men working on the house (20 Dec 1699), and a subscription towards the new building (1 March 1700) shows over sixty subscribers and a sum of £142 raised. In 1708 Benjamin Horner was asked to get some repairs done and the house whitened (28 April 1708). The regular cleaning seems to have been paid for at the rate of 5s. for a half year (28 May 1701), and the meeting house accounts were dealt with at the annual audit in the early part of each year (28 April 1703, for instance).

Proposals for building a stable at the meeting house to accommodate Friends' horses were made as early as February 1704. Planning was put in hand in 1706 and the cost was estimated at £30 (20 Feb, 27 March

1706). Final agreement on building was reached in 1709. Nine Leeds Friends were appointed to oversee the work. Costs were estimated at £30, it was agreed 'to set it on or near the east-end of the meeting house', and a subscription was ordered (27 April, 25 May, 22 June 1709). Accounts amounting to £53 18s. 2d. were brought in in the next two years (22 Feb 1710, 29 Aug 1711) and £12 3s. 7d. was accepted for the estimates for 'the stable chambering' (25 July, 29 Aug 1711). Miles Walker offered to give 20s. per annum for the stable chamber when it was finished, and in that room above the stable he seems to have taught school for the next decade (25 April 1711). The rent Miles Walker paid went to help support poor Friends. The chimneyed building adjacent to the meeting house appears to be shown, just south of the river, on John Cossins' 'New and exact plan of the town of Leedes' of about 1725.

Properties for the meeting were held in trusteeship, and this was largely a monthly meeting responsibility, but there is a single minute noting that Robert Arthington was wishful of giving up to younger Friends his position as trustee for the burying places at Leeds and Morley and the meeting house (21 Dec 1698).

The duties of caretaker, doorkeeper and gravedigger might be combined or distributed variously according to circumstances. In the 1690s Bryan Sheafield lived on the premises, but later arrangements are not clear. The doorkeeper was appointed to be at the meeting house door 'to keep out Rude boys & to keep in boys & girls' (22 Dec 1697, 26 Jan 1698). Two years later Thomas Pawson was appointed 'to dress the Meeting house & looke to the doores' (26 Dec 1699) soon after the new meeting house was opened. Thomas Pawson continued to serve (as gravedigger and doorkeeper) until 1706, when he, 'alledging his unfitness by old age & weakness' (23 Jan 1706), was replaced by Robert Lambert. A new doorkeeper was appointed at 2s. a quarter in December 1707.

The new meeting house of 1699 provided space for a school before Miles Walker took over the stable chamber in 1711. He had been offered the use of the meeting house to teach in in October 1703, but it is not clear whether the offer was taken up at that time. However, two Friends were appointed to assist William Munce (23 Jan 1706) who had 'this day laid before us his intentions of setting up a School in Leeds'.

PRINTED BOOKS

Early Friends used the printed word effectively to help the spread of their message and, although the flood of edifying and controversial material had subsided by the end of the century, Friends were still alive

to the value of the Press in spreading their views and consolidating the Society of Friends. Consideration was given to the spread of Friends' books by providing a library in the meeting and in sales to members.

Publication by subscription was a method which Friends adopted, and continued to use throughout the eighteenth century. Friends' books involving expense at the printers would be advertised to meetings in advance to secure subscriptions. In February 1704 Leeds Friends put their names down for seven copies of George Fox's collected doctrinal books published in the folio volume entitled *Gospel-truth demonstrated* in 1706. The money was sent to Monthly Meeting (18 Sept 1706). Nineteen names were put down for the second edition of George Fox's *Journal* published in two volumes, octavo, 1709 (22 June 1709).

Books coming to monthly meeting were paid for by 15s. placed in the hands of Benjamin Horner (28 July 1697). These books were probably the ones added to the meeting house library, of which a catalogue was envisaged at this time, when William Readshaw and John Arthington were asked to 'take account of the number & title of all the books kept in the Meeting house' (25 Aug 1703).

With the exception of Isabel Wails, who is on record for her pamphlet *Warning to the Inhabitants of Leeds*, 1685, Leeds Friends do not appear to have written books or pamphlets printed on behalf of the Society at this period. Seven Friends were asked to 'peruse a paper writt by Wm. Readshaw' (29 May 1700), but there is no evidence to show what this was or that it was ever printed.

MEETINGS FOR CHURCH BUSINESS

The central series of administrative records in any meeting is normally the run of minute books of the men's monthly meeting. The series may date back in unbroken succession to a date in the later 1660s when George Fox was engaged in his work of regularising the meetings for business in the Society all over the country. The discipline exercised over members was generally the responsibility of the executive monthly meetings: advising on conduct, visiting and admonishing where things were found amiss; caring for the poor, for widows and orphans; reclaiming backsliders; recording testimonies of repentance, or disowning the recalcitrant; settling disputes between members; responding to requests from Quarterly Meeting; recording sufferings; looking to burials and marriages, and registering births.

Minute books of the preparative or particular meetings often do not begin until much later — the last decade of the century, as at Leeds, or

sometime in the eighteenth century. Leeds minute books are preserved in complete sequence up to date, save for a dozen years in the middle of last century where the record resides in a rough minute book. The Women's meeting books date from 1700 only.

Terminology used is not always exact. For instance, the term 'monthly meeting' is sometimes used when clearly the Leeds Preparative Meeting is intended, and likewise the phraseology 'Friends belonging Leeds Meetting, at their Monthly or preparitive meetting' (28 April 1697) makes for confusion.

Brighouse monthly meetings were held at regular places each month of the year for many years together, and the rota agreed in 1696 with the later amendments and new rotas are entered in the book. The places of meeting ranged from Leeds westward to Brighouse, Halifax, Liversedge, and Mankinholes. The rota of two representatives each month was not always strictly adhered to, but it was periodically revised when death or incapacity required changes to be made.

Appointments of two Friends to go to monthly meeting begin to be recorded in September 1695. Regular appointments were made from that time on, except when the meeting was at Leeds and there was 'no occasion for any to be appointed to attend it' (June 1699 for instance). In order that the representatives would be able to report to monthly meeting on the business, it was directed that either or both of them should be present at the preparative meeting immediately before and the one next after the monthly meeting (24 Aug 1698).

In 1702 the meeting was considering proposals that monthly meetings should be settled at public meeting houses, rather than at Friends' private houses (22 April, 27 May 1702). This course was possible now there were more meeting houses, but some months the meetings still met at William Hollings's at Wade House in Shelf, and at Joshua Laycock's at Skircoat, Halifax in the 1710s.

The size of the monthly meeting and the difficult travelling conditions which faced Friends in winter led to the division of the meeting during the winter months during the greater part of the eighteenth century. In March 1702 monthly meeting ordered that the meetings in the depth of winter should be divided, if Mankinholes Friends could not agree to meetings being at Halifax and Bradford rather than at Robert Cowling's at Northowram. In 1705 Halifax Friends were proposing a permanent division of the monthly meeting, and Leeds Friends approved the formation of Halifax, Rushworth and Mankinholes into one monthly meeting, and Leeds, Brighouse and Bradford into another (25 Apr 1705). Leeds thought 'if it could be done

with a generall unity it might tend to the bringing up of the weake & such as are not of ability to go so farr' to monthly meetings.

About this time Mankinholes expressed a wish to join Marsden Monthly Meeting, 'if friends with a full agreement believe it to be more for Truth's honour & the ease of friends' (7 March 1705). Leeds Friends said they would accept the general decision of the monthly meeting. The conclusion was against the proposal to transfer (25 April 1705). It may be noted that a Yearly Meeting minute of 1715 'Agreed that no Monthly Meeting shall be allowed to divide itself into two separate Monthly Meetings . . . without the consent or concurrence of the Quarterly Meeting.'

Quarterly Meeting was held regularly at York, and there is a minute of Quarterly Meeting of 21 March 1694 dealing with the arrangements for holding the meeting about assize time, which is entered in the book after the minutes of 25 Feb 1702. The accommodation at York was a concern for the whole county, and when a proposal was made 'relating to the building a new Meeting-house at Yorke', Leeds meeting was willing to help 'provided that it can be builded in a commodious place of the city' (20 Nov 1711).

These meetings at York were attended by representatives who could convey to the Friends assembled their understanding of the sense of Friends in each constituent meeting on points at issue. With the group also met any other Friend in good standing who might wish to attend and to participate in the deliberations. As George Fox expressed it (Epistle no. 264, Anno 1669; in *A collection of many select and Christian epistles*, 1698, p. 290):

> Now concerning them that do go to the Quarterly Meeting, they must be substantial Friends, that can give a Testimony of your Sufferings, and how things are amongst you in every particular Meeting. So that none that are raw or weak, that are not able to give a Testimony of the Affairs of the Church and Truth, may go . . . for the Quarterly Meeting should be made up of weighty, seasoned and substantial Friends, that understands the Business of the Church; for no unruly and unseasoned Persons should come there, nor indeed into the Monthly Meetings, but who are single-hearted, seasoned and honest.

From the 1670s regular London annual meetings — London Yearly Meeting — with the Meeting for Sufferings able to act as a standing committee to act rapidly as required, completed the basic structure of the business meetings of the Society.

Beginning in 1682, Yearly Meeting asked to know each year
what ministering Friends had died,
what Friends had died prisoners,
how Truth prospered.

The Queries to be answered at Yearly Meeting, as they stood twenty years later, are found written in the minutes of September 1701, and their development may be studied further in an article by Richard E. Stagg on 'Friends' Queries and General Advices' (*Jnl. F.H.S.*, 49 (1961), 209–35). The scope of the Queries changed and was extended as time went on. Quarterly meetings enquired of local meetings about the health and activity of the body of Friends — growth in membership, consistency of behaviour, establishment of new meetings, and other matters.

Epistles and minutes from Yearly Meeting contain references which helped over the years to direct Friends' thought and conduct. This was a process which worked in two ways; to London in the way of suggestions, complaints, and information about action taken to remedy disharmonies; from London, with the benefit of general approval, as directions for action in quarterly and monthly meetings throughout the country. After the period covered by this minute book, these minutes were put in order and issued in manuscript volumes to quarterly meetings. In 1783 the *Book of Extracts* was printed, subject headings appearing in alphabetical order (Affirmation, Appeals, Arbitration, etc.), the first in the line leading to Friends' modern books of discipline and church government.

OVERSIGHT OF MEMBERS

In the meeting, two or more sagacious Friends were appointed to look particularly after the good behaviour and welfare of the members. This work could be onerous. Richard Armistead and William Cowell had served as overseers since 1697 (Brighouse M.M. Q1, 79), and five years later they asked for assistance 'that they may visset friends from house to house', and three more Friends (Joshua Barber, Joshua North and Benjamin Horner) were assigned to that service (29 July 1702). At next preparative meeting John Smith complained about William Cowell and Richard Armistead's 'discorsing with him'. This may well indicate hostility to the detailed enquiries into conduct and personal way of life which were involved in the house to house visits. Weight is added to this interpretation by the minute of 25 Nov 1702 which vindicated the overseers, but ended by observing 'if Wm. & Richard hapned in aney

respect to be to[o] hott (as Jno. saith), wee desire that in all such concernes they may labour to keepe in the wisdom of god & spirit of meekeness'.

The overseers' work proved heavy. In June 1705 Friends considered 'the weighty service that lyeth upon Wm. Cowell & Richard Armistead, the Meeting being so large', and decided to appoint others to assist them, '& whether it may be expedient that the persons made choice of to be added as aforesaid be changed every quarter'. Four Friends were chosen for the ensuing quarter (25 July 1705). There is a minute appointing three others some years later (28 March 1711).

One of the duties of the overseers was to attend the monthly meeting preceding Quarterly Meeting so that they could report there on the state of the Leeds meeting (26 Feb 1701).

Concern for the good conduct of the meeting and of its members is reflected in the development of the duties of designated elders in the local meetings, as distinct from the ministers — those Friends with a 'public testimony' who preached the Gospel in the meetings for worship. Quaker ministers felt themselves called at times to go to visit meetings in distant parts, so more stay-at-home leaders were called for to counsel and advise Friends on a permanent basis. These Friends 'without a public testimony' who did not preach, had their place in disciplinary affairs and were recognised to attend the appointed meetings of ministers and elders as these began to be established.

The regular appointment of elders seems not to have been a generally recognised proceeding until Yearly Meeting in 1727, but Leeds evidence shows that their position was established a generation earlier. William Cowell and Joshua North were ordered to attend the Meeting of Public Friends (17 June 1702). The meetings in which the elders and ministers considered the welfare of the whole body of Friends had great influence in the Society. From these meetings might emanate advice, orders and directions which would draw attention to certain aspects of discipline, and which helped to guide Friends along certain paths and not along others.

THE MINISTRY

It is not in the nature of minute books to reveal the nature of the messages which the ministers delivered and Friends received when they were met together for worship, but we may be sure that, in a formative period, the visits of the travelling ministers helped to bind the Society of Friends together. Leeds expenses for Friends' horses in fodder and

stabling were met by the meeting (29 Aug 1694, 23 April 1701 for instance).

Care was taken that Friends travelling as ministers should be duly accredited to meetings in districts where they planned to visit by letters or certificates from their home meetings. Local Friends Aaron Atkinson and Joshua Barber and Eleanor Walker from time to time acquainted the meeting of their desire to visit Friends in various parts of England, and once (22 Dec 1708) Aaron and Joshua laid before the meeting their concern to visit Friends' meetings in the nation of Ireland. They were set free to lay the concern before the Monthly Meeting in order to receive a certificate (see 26 Jan, 21 June 1704, 7 March 1705, 18 Sept 1706, 26 April 1710).

Leeds Friends were appointed to act in twos as guides to accompany travelling Friends on their journeys to the next meeting on their itinerary. The matter had been discussed at preparative meeting in February 1697 and lists entered in the minute book show that the rota to serve in the capacity of guide was revised at various times. A Guides' Fund, to meet expenses, was maintained in the meeting until nearly the end of the nineteenth century.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership was not made formal at this period. It was achieved by joining the body of Friends and sharing in belief in its principles, by birth in a Friend family where the parents were members of a meeting, or by transfer of membership due to removal of abode to the ambit of a different meeting. Membership could be lost by dissociation, or by the issue of a testimony of disownment by the monthly meeting.

A Friend was recognised by his behaviour. Early in 1701 Leeds meeting was making enquiries about William Wilson and John Barker who had failed to report concerning their clearness from payment of tithes (29 Jan 1701). William Wilson was found to be clear, but John Barker and his wife were unsound (26 Feb 1701), but on appearance at the following preparative meeting he proved more amenable and 'desires to be a member of this Meeting' (26 March 1701). On the other hand, Thomas Swails of Holbeck, a poor man, had 'too little of the Image of Truth born up in him' (29 Jan 1701).

Friends who removed permanently would be assured of acceptance in their new meeting when they produced a certificate attesting that they were members in good standing. Removals into the district were likewise acknowledged.

The Rules for Settlement drawn up by Yearly Meeting in the 1730s set down the practice clearly:

> That all friends shall be deemed members of the quarterly, monthly, or two-weeks meeting, within the compass of which they inhabited or dwelt, the first day of the fourth month 1737, except such who are settled pensioners to, or have within one year last past been relieved by, any other meeting.
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> Single men and women servants serving one year honestly in one family at bed and board, or board wages, after such year's service, shall belong to the monthly meeting in the compass of which they so serve.
>
> Apprentices shall gain a settlement in the meeting, within the compass of which their masters or mistresses dwell.
>
> The wife and children to be deemed members of the monthly meeting of which the husband or father is a member, not only during his life, but likewise after his decease, until they shall gain another settlement elsewhere.

Membership could be acquired by presenting a certificate of removal from another meeting. A request from Irish Friends for a removal certificate for the Thackery family (21 Feb 1700; letter dated 3 Feb) was replied to in a letter which shows that unity with Friends, right behaviour, and attendance at meetings were all elements in a person's right to acceptance as a Friend (27 March 1700). The lack of a certificate on removal could prove frustrating (see the case of Sarah Hartley, Dublin, 30 June 1695). From Ireland again, Leinster Province Meeting assembled at Moate, 1 June 1700, complained that the conduct of some Friends did not answer the favourable reports of their behaviour which their removal certificates gave.

Monthly meeting directed that no master of a family was to remove without a certificate (26 Feb 1701). The case of William Booth of Gildersome is obscure: he was granted a removal certificate to Wakefield (22 June 1698), but it was rejected by that meeting as unsatisfactory (27 July 1698), and monthly meeting wrote to William asking him to be content to settle down where he was (24 Aug 1698).

Removal certificates from Leeds were requested for William Gristwick (27 Aug, 18 Dec 1700), Miles Walker (23 July, 27 Aug, 24 Dec 1701), Jonas Wood (24 Dec 1701), Esther Thompson (to London, 26 Aug 1702), Priscilla Fearnley (to Chesterfield, 15 Sept 1703), Robert Hodgson (to Knaresborough Monthly Meeting, 23 Feb 1704), Joseph Lupton of Oulton stuff weaver (to London, 25 Dec

1706), Mary Stoney ('who was servant with Benja. Horner', 29 Jan 1707), Jonathan Harrison (21 May 1707), Anne Thompson 'removing to Norfolk to a service' (25 Aug 1708), Joseph Mosley 'hath thoughts of removing to Pontfract' (16 March 1709), Joshua Siddall 'desires to settle as a servant with Gilbert Heathcoat' (25 Oct 1710), and Mary Cowell who was going to London 'in order to be servant in a friends family' (23 May 1711). Removals to set up trade are particularly noticed in the cases of Thomas Fearnley, who was setting up in trade within Brighouse meeting, 'a short certificate was sent with him to the said meeting' (18 Sept 1706); Robert Lambert was planning to set up as flax dresser at Selby (27 Oct 1708), Joseph Ambler to set up school at Selby (24 Nov 1708), and Isaac Peart planning to set up in the distilling trade at York (27 April 1709) — these three were directed to obtain certificates from Monthly Meeting.

Removals into the Meeting are fewer. Andrew Abbot was enquired of for a certificate (17 June, 29 July, 26 Aug 1702). Benjamin Thackeray returned from Ireland and brought a certificate which was read and ordered to be taken to Monthly Meeting (23 Aug 1704). Joseph Mosley from High Flatts meeting, servant to Henry Thompson, brought a certificate (26 Nov 1707). Friends wrote to London for a certificate for Elizabeth Bland (14 Sept 1709), and this was received from Barking Monthly Meeting (25 Jan 1710). William Hall presented a certificate (13 June, 12 Sept 1711) as also did Henry Tate who was 'desired to present it to the Month Meeting' (25 July 1711).

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND BURIALS

Having denied the validity of the rites of the established church, Friends evolved their own system of government with safeguards against abuse of the new-found freedom. Marriages were accomplished with declarations by both parties in a meeting for worship, but before the meeting for worship could be called for that purpose, the consent of the meetings for discipline was necessary. Friends from away had to produce certificates from their home meetings signifying that they were clear from all others in relation to marriage. Consent of parents had to be obtained and certified. Registration of the proceedings was effected in the monthly meeting.

Particulars of births, marriages and burials were reported at the preparative meeting next following the event (24 Jan 1700). In 1701 the regular item 'Births, burialls & marrages calld' is noted in the business (26 March 1701) and the information was transmitted to monthly

meeting. The Leeds register would seem to have been kept by the registrar at his home until 1708, when the preparative meeting agreed that the register book should be kept in the meeting house. John Arthington was asked to bring the book in (25 Feb, 24 March 1708).

The first register book (now P.R.O. RG6/1276) was at one time in the keeping of John Cowell.

MARRIAGE DISCIPLINE

Marriage procedure is described in a detailed letter from Lancaster Quarterly Meeting dated January 1700, which was copied into the minutes in September 1701. The man proposing marriage was directed to publish his intentions first at the women's preparative meeting and then at the men's meeting (27 Aug 1701). Acting on this principle, the meeting referred Benjamin Ledgard first to York Monthly Meeting when he came to propose his intentions of marriage with Susanna Morley of York (27 May 1702).

On presenting marriage intentions, consent of parents was noted. John Cowell proposing to marry Rebecca Turner 'had consent of his & her parents before he made any procedure with the said Rebecka his Friend' (28 July 1708). On occasion, perhaps if she could not conveniently attend the meeting, the consent of the woman would be given in writing (15 Sept 1708).

When John North declared his intention of marriage with Sarah Jackson junior, a paper expressing dissatisfaction was read from old Sarah Jackson. Eight Friends were appointed to speak to Sarah senior. Next meeting they reported that she desired that Friends would allow the marriage of her daughter to John North. The cause of her dissatisfaction is revealed by the record: 'John acknowledging to friends that he had done amiss in not having the consent of the mother before he gott the affections of the daughter, which he desireth may not be exemplary' (24 Nov, 22 Dec 1708). Similar difficulties faced John Lee and Sarah Maskew, for Friends were concerned when they found 'that he spake to her in relation to marriage before he had the consent of relations or came among Friends' (24 Aug 1709). Likewise Thomas Gummersall was dealt with when he came to preparative meeting with his intention to marry Mary Pycock, Friends 'finding that he had not proceeded so orderly in this affair as is advised by friends in generall' (25 April 1711).

In any second marriage the rights or expectations of a child by a former marriage would be looked after. When widower William Jackson of Gildersome proposed his intentions of marriage with Sarah

North, the meeting appointed two Friends to see that something was settled 'according to the order of Friends' on his child by his former wife (14 Sept 1709).

When the marriage proposals were approved by the meeting the parties were liberated to present the proposals to the monthly meeting which had authority to allow the marriage to proceed. The preparative meeting's concern was thus preliminary and subject to wider authority. It took some initiative in inquiring into a proposed marriage between Robert Arthington and Mary Barlow 'depending so long'. The matter was finally settled when Robert Arthington gave in a paper putting an end to the proposals (29 Oct, 26 Nov, 24 Dec 1701). It would seem that in this, as in other detailed concerns, the monthly meeting had been the moving force, for the paper was ordered to be sent there.

The marriage proposals of Robert Arthington junior and a kinswoman were turned down (23 July 1707). The case of Sarah Langstaff, who was pregnant at the time of her marriage was dealt with by women Friends (12 Dec 1711). The women likewise took on the case of dealing with Isabel Fearnley, who was 'keeping company with a loose man' (23 Feb, 28 March 1704). A similar case was that of Martha Sykes, 'keeping company in relacion to marriage with one not of our society' and 'still remaining obstinate' after being dealt with. She was asked to appear at preparative meeting but refused to do so (29 Jan, 26 Feb 1707). A testimony against her was ordered, but was not proceeded with when she told Friends 'that she did resolve not to meddle any further with the man' (23 April, 21 May 1707). However, the matter came up again (17 Sept 1707) and she was disowned in an elaborate minute (19 Dec 1707).

Marriages out of unity usually ended with the disownment of the party who had been a Friend. William Atkinson 'concern'd himself, in relation to marriage, with a young woman not of our Society . . . he promiseth that he will delay the marriage, to see that if by continuance of time he can break it off' (17 Sept 1707). This did not work and next month Friends were told that he intended to marry her, so he was disowned (29 Oct, 28 Nov 1707). Rachel Gott, daughter of John, married out of unity by the priest. John Gott was advised 'to be more carefull & concern'd for the preservation of his daughter and his other children from too much society with the worlds people', and he admitted that it was 'a great trouble to him that his daughter hath so behaved herself' (21 Dec 1709, 25 Jan, 22 Feb, 29 March, 26 April 1710).

Marriage by the priest was a frequent cause of trouble to the Meeting.

Perhaps a church wedding was chosen because fewer questions were asked. Sometimes the woman was already with child (25 Aug 1697, 25 Jan, 22 Feb 1710 for instance). Benjamin Clough was disowned for his marriage by the priest so shortly after the death of his former wife as to be 'without a true regard to decency & moderation' (9 June, 25 July 1708). There is one note of a paper of condemnation for a marriage in church being sent to the priest of Rothwell (21 Dec 1698).

One case of bastardy came before the meeting when Emanuel Lapage's servant fathered a child on her master (23 Jan 1706). Emanuel did not come to answer at preparative meeting and he was disowned by monthly meeting, but a certificate and paper of contrition from him are entered in the minute book (29 March 1706).

FINANCE

Money was collected and sent to monthly meeting about three or four times a year for that meeting to distribute in poor relief. The usual phrase reads 'for the use of the poor', although a proportion of the collections are not so designated and probably include money to defray other monthly meeting expenses. It would seem that the collection was usually made at meeting on Sunday (see 27 Nov 1700). One large collection (double the usual) was sent to monthly meeting for the use of Thomas Thompson, he having sustained a loss by fire (21 June 1704, £4 8s.). Another special collection of £2 3s. 6d. towards the purchase of a meeting house at York was sent to monthly meeting in November 1696. About every eighteen months a collection was sent up for the Quarterly Meeting (21 June 1696, 22 Dec 1697 and so on). One of these collections was large (£3 12s.) in response to Yearly Meeting's request, and there are records of two later collections for the National Stock (25 Nov 1702, 14 Sept 1709).

Accounts were audited annually. Benjamin Horner was treasurer when the meeting did the auditing (29 Aug 1694) and his name appears down the years, sometimes coupled with that of Robert Arthington, or Miles Walker (for the stable, 21 Feb 1711). From 1697 onwards the audit was usually done by a number (eleven, nine 'or any 5 of them', six '& as many others as is willing') of Friends appointed for the task. A month later the report would come in and a collection would be ordered to reimburse the treasurer (for instance 24 May, 18 June 1699). In these cases it was usually Robert Arthington who was 'ordered to word the same to the meeting the next first-day' (12 June 1706). The 'Trible Collection' ordered in 1703 brought in a total of £6 17s. (28 April,

28 July 1703) which enabled the debt to Benjamin Horner to be paid. He had been owed a like sum in March 1701 for stabling charges for travelling Friends' horses, and there was another 'Trible Collection' in 1706 when there was the added expense for walling at Morley burial ground (25 April 1705).

POOR RELIEF

The funds collected for the poor were taken to monthly meeting by the representatives, who would there give account of payments to the poor in Leeds meeting and have expenses on their account repaid. For instance, 25 Aug 1697, £1 12s. was remitted, and monthly meeting were informed 'we are out of purse 13s. 6d.' In the early part of 1701 the manner of poor relief came up for discussion, with the matter of Women's collections being referred to monthly meeting for advice. The difficulty at that time was probably that the women's load in relieving their poor was heavier than they could well bear. It was proposed that they should be able to share in the general collections then managed by the men Friends (26 March 1701). This seems to have been agreed, for after this time payments sometimes came from monthly meeting earmarked 'for the women'.

Poverty was relieved with discretion. The situation of Thomas Swails was examined; Friends believed his poverty was 'not occasioned through wastfull & lavish carriage, & therefore more fitt to be helped' (26 May 1697). William Readshaw and Robert Arthington were appointed to consider who should be the poor Friends to receive the gift of £1 from Thomas Bond of Bradford (29 July 1702). Friends directed that a poor Friend asking for relief should first settle with his creditors (26 May 1693). Six months later he had not taken Friends' advice, and so he 'shall not be owned as a Friend' worthy of support, although he was given 5s. out of charity (27 Oct 1693). It is clear that Friends' suggestions were not always followed. In one case the meeting advised that a daughter should be put out as an apprentice, 'she seeming to be a charge' to her family (24 Feb 1697). This the girl proved unwilling to do (24 March 1697), and the father was blamed as not having 'walked as a good example before his child'.

The care of the aged poor was the responsibility of the family in the first place, and the efforts made with Alexander Hopwood of Tadcaster show what could happen. In July 1704 he was spoken to to bear his share 'relating to the care of his mother', and an arrangement was made for 2s. a week to be paid (23 Aug 1704). This did not work satisfactorily, so he was to be written to again '& if he give not satisfaction'

then York Monthly Meeting was to be approached (25 Oct 1704). Next month Friends reported having spoken to him without result, so the monthly meeting was to be told (22 Nov 1704).

Regular relief for poor Friends needed to be authorised by the monthly meeting, but that meeting would rely very much upon the report given by Leeds Friends as to what action was appropriate. Assistance in the form of subsidy towards rent was not uncommon (2 Nov 1698, 26 April 1699, 25 April 1705 and claimed from monthly meeting). Tabitha Jowett was helped by Robert Peart in writing to her landlord (27 Nov 1700).

Particular relief ranged from the coat provided for John Turner (2 Nov 1698), to the repairs agreed with the landlord for Ann Siddall's house when her 'house thach was blown down by the wind soe shee was forced to goe to her sonns' until she was able to go back after three months (23 Dec 1702, 27 Jan, 24 March 1703). A cow was obtained and let to a poor Friend (19 Dec 1694, 23 Jan 1695; 29 Jan, 26 Mar, 23 April 1701), and the meeting stood security for a loan by Robert Arthington to a poor Friend (26 Nov 1693).

A collection was made after receipt of a letter from Abraham Morrice of Lincoln on behalf of Hannah Ashton of Lincoln. The sum (£3) was reported to monthly meeting for possible supplement (26 Jan, 23 Feb, 23 March 1698). In offering assistance in some cases, considerations for illness entered in. Alice Bainbridge was visited, and Friends offered to help to pay for travelling, and suggested that she go by water to London, 'fearing that shee cannot be able to endure a land jurney' (14 June, 26 July 1699). Mary Kendall of Holbeck was ill and Friends agreed to take care since 'there is a nessesaty for friends assistance to sitt up with her' (26 Jan 1704). Two Friends were 'sent with John Hallowell, a Melancholy Man, to Brigg, where he came from', and the journey was paid for by Friends (18 Sept 1706). They also offered to pay for a poor person's removal, and said they were 'willing to pay Willm. Birkby or any honest man a dayes wages to help her to remove' (23 March 1698).

One request is noted asking for increased relief. Thomas Swails complained 'that his necessity is greater than what he receives from Friends will supply' (12 Sept 1711). The report persuaded the meeting to increase his allowance by 6d. a month, making it 3s. 6d., '& that he have a pair of new cards bought' (24 Oct 1711).

The accounts and collections for the poor between the years 1693 and 1712 are entered on pages 279 running back to 254 at the end of the minute book. There is an account of the disposal of the bequest by Anne

Readshaw of £5 to Benjamin Horner and Aaron Atkinson for the poor (25 April 1711).

Friends did not feel called upon to relieve those they had disowned, and when Mary Harrison of Beeston went busily about telling the townspeople that they did not need to relieve Hannah Jowett (whom Friends had previously disowned) because 'shee was not sprinkled at their fount', Friends 'placed judgment' on Mary Harrison (23 Aug 1699).

APPRENTICESHIP

In assisting in apprenticeship the meeting helped poorer Friends who could not afford the premium or cost of fitting a lad out for entry, and it also attempted to ensure that masters and boys were placed suitably with Friends. William Metcalf was apprenticed for seven years at a premium of £2, paid in instalments which, after the first, came from monthly meeting (13 Aug 1693). William Cundall was helped to an apprenticeship to a sergeweaver for eight years (25 May, 22 June 1698). An enquiry was made at monthly meeting for a master who is a tanner (13 June 1705), and this type of service was widely used among Friends at their meetings for more than a century after. Among Friends, an apprentice could write complaining of ill-usage and his plea would be considered; the master was expected to appear to satisfy Friends about his conduct towards the apprentice (23 Jan 1695). Not all of Friends' placements were successful: Hannah Jowitt, aged fifteen, was placed for four years with Jonathan and Elizabeth Merry, she was fitted out with clothes, but soon after took her clothes and went away (26 May 1697). Hannah was censured for her conduct, but later reports on the Merry household may indicate that the fault may not have been all on one side.

ADVICE ON TRADING AFFAIRS

As part of the care and oversight of Friends in the meeting, in 1701 a general enquiry was ordered how Friends stood in their trading affairs. Robert Arthington and Robert Peart were ordered to report (23 April 1701). Through that year reports came in, 'things indifrant well' (17 Sept 1701), until finally in December they gave a satisfactory account, and the meeting agreed that 'a yearly examination be therin'.

Friends setting up or planning to change their occupations came to the meeting for advice. Zachary Hopkins was advised when setting up as a clothmaker (23 Oct 1700). Seven Friends were appointed to advise

Robert Harrison, and he was allowed to set up (25 Feb, 18 March 1702). George Horner was approved (15 Sept, 27 Oct 1703). Henry Thompson of Wortley was advised about 'his intention of setting up the trade of a skinner, which he was apprentice to before a clothyer'; Friends approved, 'provided he observe their advice therein' (26 Jan, 28 March, 26 April 1704). Gervase Elam of Armley, intending to set up as a clothier, had four Friends to advise him, and after being once referred back to the meeting, it was agreed for him to set up (28 March, 26 April, 24 May 1704). William Jackson junior of Armley was allowed to set up, but only after his father had agreed to it, eighteen months after his first request to begin as a clothier (23 Jan 1706, 18 June, 23 July 1707). The case of Azariah Elbeck in the summer of 1707 caused difficulty; he was setting up as a clothier 'but he having already begun his trade, it was not so seasonable a time' for Friends to give their advice on the matter (18 June, 23 July 1707). Likewise, John Thirkill, taking up sergeweaving, had already taken some steps before Friends were called in, which 'straitned friends in giving their advice' (14 Sept, 19 Oct 1709).

John Scott, setting up after his apprenticeship, was given advice (19 Oct 1709); Benjamin Horner and Richard Armistead went with him to see a farm, 'which is not liked at the rent' (19 Oct, 23 Nov 1709); John did not get settled and six months later proposed to go to London 'to be a servant to the tanner-trade' (14 June, 25 Oct 1710). Thomas Gummersall received consent to set up as a white-clothier (29 March, 26 April 1710). John Plummer at the same time was wishful of setting up for himself his trade of a dresser but, on advice, of his own accord deferred it for some time. Stephen Lambert of Holbeck set up as a broad clothier (21 Feb, 28 March 1711), and William Cowell junior as a flax-dresser (25 July, 29 Aug 1711).

Established traders would ask for and receive advice. Benjamin Horner was advised when he proposed altering part of his trade and planned to keep Wakefield Market with cloth (20 Dec 1699, 24 Jan 1700). Joseph and Daniel Langstaff, being 'minded to set up the trade of a clothier joyntly', were given consent (28 April, 26 May 1708), but Isaac Peart 'setting up the worsett trade' asked advice at the same time, and he was advised to forbear 'till he have more skill in the combing &c.'

Not all enterprises were successful. John Atkinson asked the meeting about 'setting up the trade of selling hard-ware'; Friends reported 'that he hath overshot himself so (in the trade he entered into without Friends' consent) as that they fear he hath not effects to pay his debts

withall' (25 Aug, 15 Sept, 27 Oct 1708). John was advised to return goods to the suppliers, to pay what money he could raise, and to work at his tailoring to pay off the balance. Two Friends were appointed to help him.

An earlier case was the clothing enterprise of John Parker. Partly on the strength of promises by his uncles to assist him with wool and money, Friends approved of his setting up in trade (24 July 1700), but by the end of 1702 he was in difficulties and was advised 'to give over his trade & pay his debts'. Friends kept his case under review throughout 1703. Henry Thompson 'acknowledged that he had done amiss in not acquainting friends when he set up the clothier trade', and Friends gave what advice they could in 1707 (18 June, 23 July, 17 Sept), and took the opportunity to reiterate their advice to traders intending to set up to inform the meeting 'that as members of one body we may be helpful one to another' (23 July 1707). In 1711 Henry Thompson still found 'that his trade doth not turne to account, but that he's rather in danger to contract more debts (if he continue trading) than his effects will defray' (25 Jan 1711). Friends were appointed to enquire and advise him. Two months later they reported that he was 'defraying his creditors that was most refractory', and had an 'intention of removing himself to London, & also that if he findeth not business there to his satisfaction he intendeth to transport himself into America'. William Benson and Gervase Elam were appointed to see that all his debts were settled before the monthly meeting was asked for a certificate (28 March 1711).

Andrew Abbot was advised to clear his debts and return to his wife and family, 'it being dishonourable for him &c. to dwell so separate from them' (21 Dec 1709). Judging by the tone of the minutes concerning the embarrassed business affairs of Joshua Arthington in 1710, the impact of his failure, occurring as it did within what was almost certainly the wealthiest family in the meeting, must have been keenly felt. The minute begins: 'This Meeting having under its weighty consideration the reproach that is upon Truth and us, on the account of the miscarriages of Joshua Arthington in his affairs &c.' The dealing with the matter runs through the minutes from July to October 1710, and Joshua's paper of contrition, dated from Farnley, 24 October, is entered in the book at 20 Dec 1710.

DISCIPLINE

The development of Friends' organisation during the earliest period of the Society as a body cannot be traced with any certainty because the

records are lacking. The Swarthmore Manuscripts at Friends House Library provide glimpses of various meetings in scattered parts of the country on a periodic (three-weekly, monthly, quarterly) basis, and of the more general (even national) meetings from 1656, which from 1660 sometimes had a representative element within them. It is from the later 1660s only that a clearer picture emerges of the quarterly county meetings, the monthly district meetings, and even the particular individual meetings. These met with the aim and effect of caring for the poor, raising money for prisoners and other sufferers and for the expenses of travelling ministers, strengthening the membership by organising their business, keeping registers, and supporting their fellows to face the opposition of a potentially hostile world.

The opposition expressed within the Society to the establishment of the meetings to play their part in church government need not concern us here, since there is little evidence to show whether or not the divisions which found expression in the Wilkinson-Story controversy in the 1670s and 1680s had any impact in Leeds. People being what they are however, one may expect that individuals might find themselves at times at loggerheads with authority within the Society of Friends; 'the sense of the meeting' at times called for expression of displeasure, and the exercise of some sanction against the actions of an individual which might be considered harmful to the general good. A body which felt itself in a position of precarious safety would be especially careful that offence should not be given unnecessarily to the civil power, and would be watchful to see that none identified with it should be guilty of any offence, or should step out of line from Friends' own practice.

The period covered by the minute book is one which is characterised by a growth of regulations concerning behaviour and decorum which, while they aimed to make Friends clearly cognisant of the need to maintain their testimony for simplicity in conducting their daily lives, went into a ludicrous amount of detail concerning such items as wigs, cravats and lace decoration, the cut of clothes and the colours acceptable to be worn. This came to be an end in itself, rather than the outward expression of inward conviction, and to many who looked at those who went by the name of Quaker the form of dress, manner of speech and address were the sole distinguishing marks by which they knew them. A reading of the minute books of the period does show Friends concerned for details of conduct as well as the broad lines of moral welfare with which one would expect them to be concerned.

Church discipline is comprehensively dealt with in a paper from Cumberland Quarterly Meeting dated from Pardshaw Crag, 12 Oct

1699. This is immediately followed by a minute from the Monthly Meeting at Broughton, 31 Oct 1699, concerning simplicity in fashion in the tailoring trade, and recommending that Friends should support and encourage each other in their respective trades and occupations. All this was copied into the minutes of September 1701. It may reflect particularly the influence of Aaron Atkinson, the minister who came from Cumberland and married and settled in Leeds in 1700. He was active in the discipline and was a firm upholder of Friends' testimonies against vain fashions and the corrupt ways of the world.

Two years later 'severall weighty matters relating to good order' were referred to fifteen Friends to meet together 'to concither of the said matters in the wisdom of God' (25 Aug 1703). Next month (15 Sept) the meeting had under consideration 'the condition of severall Friends that was not in full unity & yet noe Testamoney found given oute against them'. Friends decided 'that the friends ordred to visset famelys should deale with them in the wisdom of Truth', and Robert Arthington, Aaron Atkinson and Stephen Elbeck were added to the Friends appointed for this service. Delay in dealing with disciplinary cases can be attributed either to a wish not to encounter unpleasantness or to the desire to give ample time to reclaim backsliders. The time taken in some cases was considerable, as when Richard Archer of Gildersome was reported to the meeting as having 'by his disorderly practices given occasion for truth to be evil spoken of' (23 Oct 1706). Twelve months later, after visits and exhortations, a testimony of disownment was issued by monthly meeting against him for neglecting his wife and family, 'taking too much strong drink, and going to bull-baitings, with other corrupt practices of this evil world' (31 Oct 1707).

In 1709 an exercise similar to that of 1703 took place, beginning with the consideration of 'divers persons making some proffession of the Truth with us . . . of evill conversations & yet not denyed' (26 Jan 1709). Four overseers were appointed to assist William Cowell and Richard Armistead, and they were requested to speak 'to such persons as do come to meetings some time, & are not faithfull; so that Friends may know whether to owne 'em or no' (27 April, 25 May, 22 June 1709). On 27 July 1709 disciplinary cases came before the meeting, with, against each name, notes like 'not of us', 'gone to steeple-house', 'declines coming to meeting', 'seems desireous to joyn with Friends', 'cannot deny him', 'referr'd to the Women friends', 'advised to amend his life', or 'he at present behaveth himself pretty orderly'.

Richard Tailforth was 'advised to be more carefull in his conversation' (24 Oct 1711). Jacob Webster's 'practices . . . are found not to be

consistent with his profession' (16 Jan 1712), but Friends did not proceed against him, 'he promising to endeavour amendment, Friends are willing yet to forbear giving a Testimony against him, desiring that he may come to a betterment in his condition'.

Not all Friends under dealing were willing to accept reproof from the meeting. Jonathan Kendall 'appeared very hard, & reflectious' when visited (23 Nov 1698). When private admonition failed to produce a desired reform in behaviour, discipline was continued by asking the Friend under dealing to come to the next meeting or to meet a handful of Friends to discuss matters. The case of Benjamin Ellerton is in point (18 Dec 1695, 29 Jan 1696). He appeared at meeting, and it was revealed that by spending his weekly earnings of 5s. or 6s. on strong drink, 'he can get no clothes to his backe'. He was dealt with at monthly meeting, and the case closed when he was disowned for drinking and not paying his debts (22 June 1696).

Drinking to excess seems to have been an element in much that came under censure as disorderly conduct. Jonathan Merry is a case in point. In June 1697 he came under unfavourable notice. In February 1698 he was reported to have gone from his wife and judgement was placed upon him 'till he appear to clear himself'. He did not repent and a paper of denial was recorded in the book (26 April, 14 June 1699). There is an obscure minute of 22 April 1702 where the parish priest or overseers were to be informed about his affairs (27 May, 17 June 1702). Meanwhile his wife, Elizabeth Merry, was reported as behaving in a disorderly manner. Complaints were centred on her unwelcome ministry in meetings for worship (17 June, 29 July 1702). She was reported to be 'a weake shattred wooman, & her words not consistant with Truth, or with themselves' (26 Aug). Elizabeth appeared at the preparative meeting and 'fell into extravigent reflections & uncomly speeches, wholy refusing the advice of this Meeting'. She continued to embarrass the meeting 'in publick appearing [i.e. preaching] in our Meeting in great confution, to the great dissatisfaction of Friends from time to time, to the truble of our Meeting' (23 Feb 1704). The matter was referred to monthly meeting. She was visited, and was silent for a time thereafter.

Other Friends under dealing for drinking to excess are noticed (27 July 1694, 28 April 1697, 23 July, 27 Aug, 17 Sept 1707, 13 Sept, 25 Oct 1710, 26 Jan 1711). Joshua Ledger was disowned by Friends, 'we seing no change of life in him nor reformation', for drunkenness and marriage by the priest (June 1700, 30 Aug 1700). About the same time Joshua Wilson (who was finally disowned in 1711 for drinking) was

reproved and admonished, and ordered to seek to clear truth (i.e. to take the blame on his own shoulders) 'in the places where he hath been overseen with taking to[o] much strong drink' (24 July 1700). Abraham Ledger was reported (17 June 1702) to have been so drunken the day before that he was forced to be led down the street, '& being on a Market day people tooke great notice, & especially that he was one called a Quaker, & as he went they mockt at Friends' (29 July, 26 Aug 1702).

John Atkinson was spoken to for being at a race (13 Sept, 25 Oct 1710) but he did not submit to the discipline, and 'went out of the meeting in a disorderly manner'. Two months later he 'was refractory, and said that he would not come to or appear before friends, Let 'em do what they would' (20 Dec 1710). The case was reported to monthly meeting.

FAMILY VISITS

Visiting Friends' families was a recognised part of oversight and the enforcement of the discipline and it came up about every two years. In 1706 some reluctance to embark upon the visits becomes evident, and it is clear that the pressure came from outside, Leeds Friends 'having received a paper from the monthly meeting advizing to the same' (24 July, 28 Aug 1706). The same Friends 'that went the former year' were reappointed. Robert Arthington and the others reported later on their service: 'the Lord by his Divine Power & Presence was with them to the opening the hearts of Friends both to receive 'em into their houses & also the advices & exhortations that opened upon the minds of Friends sent as visitors towards the visited . . . they hope things are better amongst Friends then when they visited the last time. Yet some particular persons being so out of order, they thought it requisite to acquaint' the meeting with the delinquencies (23 Oct 1706).

Two years later family visits were again under consideration (24 March 1708) and Friends were appointed to carry out that service, the meeting desiring 'that that service may be weightily performed' (28 April 1708). Aaron Atkinson and others reported their satisfaction and hoped that such visits would be continued annually, with examination to be carried out 'yet more strictly' (9 June 1708). In 1710 eight Friends were appointed and divided into two companies; the first company to visit Friends in Leeds, Hunslet, Oulton, Carlton, Chapeltown, and Woodhouse, the others to visit Beeston, Churwell,

Wortley, Armley, and Holbeck (24 May 1710). Seven months later they reported their satisfaction, 'believing that as friends are given up to the performance of that practice in the Love of God, the service thereof will be good and profitable, tending not a little to the edifying of the Body in Love' (20 Dec 1710).

WOMEN'S PART IN THE DISCIPLINE

Women Friends were called in to assist in discipline among their own sex (25 April 1694). In this connection, the Women's monthly meeting was asked to sign the testimony against lace making (23 July 1701). In the marriage discipline it was arranged that the Women's preparative meeting was to receive notice of the intended marriage before the man appeared with his proposal at the Men's meeting (27 Aug 1701).

The place of women in the discipline of the Society was under consideration in December 1703 in relation to the Women's Quarterly Meeting which was held at York. Doubts about the value of that meeting had evidently been expressed. Leeds Friends thought 'the woomen ought not to be stratned, but encoraged in their said Meetings, and that they continue them 3 times in the yeare at least at York for the county'. The meeting then went on and 'Ordred that Benja: Hornor doe buy a booke for the Women at their Preparative Meeting: to record their disbursments to the poore & other things that may be seen meete' (22 Dec 1703).

Formal initiatives in disciplinary matters from women Friends do not appear frequently. In December 1709 they made a complaint to the preparative meeting about John Gott's daughter keeping company after they had dealt much with her about it to no avail. In December 1711 they spoke to Sarah Langstaff, asking her to appear at preparative meeting, for further action to be taken.

PLAINNESS

Friends' testimony for plainness is illustrated by one or two points. Lace making was disapproved of, and those who engaged in that employment were asked by monthly meeting to leave it off, as an occupation 'judged unlawfull by divers eminent Friends many years agoe' (23 Feb 1694). Two families were advised to forbear making lace (24 April 1700), and later that year Sarah Metcalf was to be spoken to again about her

daughter making lace. The lace makers were to be visited and to be asked to give up the occupation as not being 'consistant with the Truth' (27 Aug 1700), but they did not take Friends' advice (18 Sept 1700). Friends were not insensible of the difficulties, and adopted a suggestion that Sarah Metcalf should change to making straw hats. However, she was found to persist in lace making and a paper of condemnation was signed in monthly meeting (29 Jan, 26 March, 23 April, 28 May, 25 June 1701).

Advice came from monthly meeting and Quarterly Meeting relating to 'the regulating of the furniture of houses'. Preparative meeting decided: 'it is the general sence of this meeting that at least all such as buy any furniture into their houses, that it be plain as becometh the truth' (28 Aug 1706). There was to be no destruction of the furniture which was there already.

A minute in March 1708 expressed disapproval of 'unnecessary & extravagant Wiggs'. Any Friend needing to wear a wig was advised first to acquaint the elders with a view to getting their advice.

Another item which troubled Friends was the extravagant provision of refreshment at births or burials. Leeds Friends on consideration decided that 'it is most clear of superfluaty to give nothing at all' (24 July, 27 Aug 1700). In similar vein, monthly meeting criticised arrangements at the marriage of John Arthington and Sarah Fletcher at Halifax, 2 April 1707 (approved 26 Feb 1707). The report to monthly meeting (25 April 1707; Q2, 50) stated: 'severall Friends being dissatisfied with the greatness of the numbers of both Friends & others that went to meat with them, & for the future that a stop may be put thereto, its desired that all the parties concern'd' with a wedding should take the advice of the elders, and that 'the Friends of the meeting where the marriage is accomplished do most of them return from the meeting as at other times, that all worldly ostentation may be discouraged, yet not to hinder acts of charity to the poor (according to the circumstances of persons) at these or other times.' It may be noted that many prominent Yorkshire Friends were among the forty-two witnesses who signed the certificate (P.R.O. RG6/1276/98).

A minute advising Friends against observing days 'sett up in the times of darkness & ignorance' — that is, the holidays of the Christian church — is appropriately found in the record for 23 Dec 1702. Friends in the meeting were advised to uphold the testimony against observing Christmas and other days, 'And that they keepe their servants at work, as also that they doe not goe themselves nor suffer their servants to visset their relations at such times, but rather take other oppertunitys.'

CONTRITION AND DISOWNMENT

A paper of contrition for misdemeanours would be accepted by the meeting as an earnest of the good intention of the Friend to mend his ways and walk orderly for the time to come. Richard Kendall signed a minute regretting his actions (29 May 1695). Henry Ewbank had taken some hay from Robert Spencer and, although Robert asked Friends to forget the matter (saying that he had already forgiven Henry), Friends felt it their duty to pursue the case and secured a testimony from Henry Ewbank which is entered in the book (24 Nov 1697). A paper of contrition was 'received & entred' in May 1700, Friends hoping that the signatory 'may be more wachfull against the enimie of soules'. Other papers are noted in September 1701 (paying tithes and drunkenness), August 1702, and June 1703 ('driving away a cow that was not my owne').

The delivery of a paper of contrition would close disciplinary proceedings, but the unity of any Friend with the meeting would be demonstrated by future behaviour — 'more carefull and circumspect walking for time to come as becomes the truth' (27 March 1700).

Disownment as a member of the Society was the final sanction against a backslider. It was in the hands of the monthly meeting. The disownment minute or testimony would be sent down to the preparative meeting and entered in the book (27 July 1694, for instance). There seem to have been local minutes of disownment recorded by Leeds Friends on their own initiative, as against Ellen daughter of John Harrison of Beeston for marrying out (28 April 1697), and against Mary Kendall (9 June 1697) signed in behalf of the meeting by William Readshaw. Margaret Lapage was disowned by the meeting's minute for encouraging and justifying two marriages out (24 Nov, 22 Dec 1697). It may be that when a case might have repercussions outside Leeds meeting, then the monthly meeting would be called in, for 'a more full deniall' was prepared for the following monthly meeting, after minutes concerning Jonathan Merry had already been recorded by preparative meeting (22 Feb 1699).

As well as the meeting's own minutes of disownment, there is a disownment certificate of 11 Nov 1697 entered in the book. It was sent from Women Friends at Burton (Monk Bretton, Barnsley) to Women of Brighouse Monthly Meeting.

Disownment involved cutting off the person from any part in the business of the meeting, though they might freely continue to come to the meetings for worship. For instance, John Gelder's subscription towards the building of the meeting house was refused, he being out of

unity (26 April 1699). The disownment record was made so that all should be clearly stated: Hannah Watson of Bramley married out, 'though she be gone from among us, and doth not endeavour to joyn with Friends, yet we can do no less than record this as our Testimony against her' (24 May 1710). The record in the book would be effectively before Friends, so that unity would not be attributed to the backslider until satisfaction had been given and repentance demonstrated for the offence.

The Yearly Meeting epistle of 1708 gave warning:

> Forasmuch as some persons, who, by their ill conduct, have justly deserved and come under the censure of the meetings to which they belong, have thought to get from under the weight of that judgment, by signing a paper of condemnation, and thereby suppose themselves discharged; it is therefore recommended to friends consideration that they be careful not to admit such persons too early into fellowship, or give them cause to think they are accepted, before the meeting or meetings are satisfied of the repentance and amendment, notwithstanding such papers be given.

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Friends tried to resolve disputes amicably amongst themselves. An argument between Richard Armistead and Timothy Brogden was heard by the meeting and was ended with the parties subscribing their names in the book (28 Aug 1695). The same two were at loggerheads in 1702. The difference was referred to ten Friends who eventually assigned blame to both sides. 'Richard seemed sory that such difrance should happen', and 'Timothy is ordred to burn all his papers, which he promises to do, & what is past is not againe to be brought up' (25 Feb, 29 July 1702).

Disputes concerning property sometimes involved lengthy investigations and searches for documents (9 June, 28 July 1703; 28 March, 26 April, 24 May, 21 June, 20 Sept 1704; 29 Oct 1707). The transactions in 1704 concerning John Eastburn's complaint from Pennsylvania about some family property in Yorkshire illustrate the point.

It is probable that many small debt cases did not reach the stage of formal minutes, but one did. Richard Roe owed money to Richard Kendall which had not been paid, but in the end Richard Kendall promised to accept in full settlement the sum of £5 if paid by May Day next (29 Oct, 26 Nov 1701).

Only when one party to a dispute refused to agree to matters being settled by arbitration among Friends would the meeting consider that legal action would be justified. Isaac Webster was sharply rebuked for going to law against Richard Kendall (24 Jan, 21 Feb, 27 March 1700).

FRIENDS' SUFFERINGS

Under the Commonwealth Friends were proceeded against as disturbers of the civil peace. After the Restoration they suffered punishment under many forms:

(i) for refusing the oaths of allegiance and supremacy (5 Eliz., cap. 1; 7 Jac. I, cap. 6),

(ii) for non-attendance at church (3 Jac. I, cap. 4; 23 Eliz., cap. 1, sect. 5; 29 Eliz. cap. 6, sect. 3, 4),

(iii) under the Quaker Act, 1662, and the Conventicle Acts of 1664 and 1670,

(iv) under the Statute of 35 Elizabeth, cap. 1. The Act of 35 Elizabeth could mean sentence of death after conviction, because refusal to conform led to forfeiture of lands and abjuration of the realm. Since a Friend could not swear to depart from the kingdom he was immediately liable to suffer as a felon. Margaret Fell was threatened with this Act, but Judge Twisden told her, 'it is too penal for you, for it might cost you your life' (Isabel Ross, *Margaret Fell*, 1949, 172). In 1684 Richard Vickris of Bristol was sentenced under the Act, but was removed to London on writ of error and was later discharged on errors in the indictment at the King's Bench before Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys, of whom John Whiting commented, 'though so severe a Judge otherwise; few so bad but they may do some good acts' (John Whiting, *Persecution expos'd*, 1715, 120).

(v) When three or more were met together, Friends' meetings were punished at common law as riots or unlawful assemblies.

(vi) Under the Militia Act (14 Car. 2, cap. 3) Friends suffered for refusing to supply a man for the militia.

Toleration was secured by the Toleration Act, 1689 (1 Will. & Mary, st. I, cap. 18), but disabilities continued throughout the next century. In particular, the position regarding tithes and other ecclesiastical demands was not altered by that Act, so prosecutions for such causes continued. Refusal to pay the tithe required by the order of an ecclesiastical court prompted the ecclesiastical judge to complain to two justices of the peace, who would then, under the Act 5 Eliz., cap. 23 (Writ De Excommunicato Capiendo), commit a defaulter to prison

until surety was forthcoming to submit to the sentence of the ecclesiastical court. The Affirmation Act, 1696 (7 & 8 Will. 3, cap. 34) and later legislation enabled simplified procedure to be applied. Two justices were able to ascertain the sum due for payment and to distrain for the amount in summary fashion.

Disabilities consequent on Friends' refusal to swear oaths continued but after 1689 they could not be ensnared by a hostile magistrate tendering them the oath of allegiance. The Affirmation Act mentioned above allowed Friends to substitute a form of affirmation in some cases where an oath had formerly been required, and later acts made the affirmation statement more acceptable to tender consciences.

The Meeting for Sufferings machinery which Friends had developed in London to approach the government proved well-suited to help Friends bring to the notice of the authorities and Parliament inconveniencies under which they still laboured after Toleration. Obviously political activity could best be directed from London, but the value of the local meetings was to support, advise and defend distressed members locally, and nationally as sources of supply of information when required and in using their influence with local members of Parliament at suitable times to secure some desired change in the law.

Apart from the minute books there survive substantial and detailed records of Friends' sufferings, coming down from the 1650s. For instance, William Cundall of Morley in 1666 had taken from him, on a warrant for £4 fine,

> Three bease, all his puther and brasse but a little pan, also his worke loome (hee being a clothmaker) also beding of 3 beds, leaveing neither for him nor his family any thing to lye in, nor a cow to give them milke: the vallue of what they tooke might amount to £13 or upwards. (Carlton Hill Archives: L14, 7)

During the period covered by the minute book the sufferings ranged from the sums in cash or kind collected for church dues and for tithes — pewter ware, corn crops or money from the till — to the imprisonment of John Cowell in Rothwell jail. John Cowell's case took a long time to resolve. Monthly meeting was asked for advice (25 Feb 1702), and from there the matter went to Quarterly Meeting. The case dragged on, and Robert Arthington was asked to speak to the prosecutors to try to secure John Cowell's liberty (22 Oct 1703). Robert reported some progress, but liberty was still denied to John, until the Rothwell jailer suggested one course of action 'by making the Significavit void' (26 July 1704).

To maintain a record of sufferings on account of tithe which could be reported to monthly meeting (and thence to Quarterly Meeting, and finally to London Yearly Meeting) the heads of households in the meeting were called together annually to give an account of their clearness and to report any distraints suffered. For instance, in December 1698 a meeting for this purpose was arranged, and the resulting record was ordered to be sent to monthly meeting in the following month (25 Jan 1699). Absentees from the meeting were followed up, and finally in May 1699 all had been spoken to and the report was given by Robert Arthington. Later years show the same pattern (see, for instance, 27 March, 24 April 1700, 29 Jan 1701). A typical year was 1707. The minute of record reads (29 Oct 1707): 'According to desire at last preparative meeting, Friends met & gave an account of their Sufferings & clearness about Tythe, which is order'd to be fair coppy'd over, in order to be sent to the Monthly Meeting.' Two months later those who had not appeared to give their accounts were to be spoken to (26 Nov), and in December most of them appeared and reported (17 Dec).

Individual cases do not appear frequently in the minutes. At Bruntcliffe, William Wilson was threatened by the tithe farmer, 'but yet done noe further'; John Barker was admonished, not being clear of paying priest's wages (26 March 1701). Later, John Barker 'not being full cleare aboute Steeplehouse Tax' was again given advice (27 Jan 1703). In February 1694 John Cowell was one of four Leeds Friends who were subject to a minute of reproof from monthly meeting for paying tithe, and he was found not to be clear in 1701 and sent a letter of contrition for his fault (17 Sept 1701). Not long after he found himself in Rothwell jail when he did make his stand for Friends' principles.

It was difficult to keep all Friends up to the mark. John Holdsworth (21 Feb 1700), and a Friend who paid cash in lieu of tithe, 'which she confessed to, & acknowledged to be a wrong, being contrary to her own convictions' (26 March 1707), are two cases which spring to mind.

The question of tithe rent came before the meeting (29 Jan 1696). Some doubted whether it was a proper tithe which Friends should on principle refrain from paying. Monthly meeting propounded the question, but Leeds preparative meeting declined to pronounce, and left judgement to the monthly meeting, 'or to what place they will see meete to aply themselves for sattisfaction'. Timothy Brogden raised the matter of the tithe rent demanded for some houses he had in Halifax. He was advised to search into the matter, and meanwhile to keep clear of

paying (17 June, 29 July 1702). This is the first hint in Leeds of the difficulties which Friends experienced about the Halifax Modus, a special local payment in lieu of tithe which had its root deep in the middle ages and which continued to exercise Friends into the nineteenth century.

MANUSCRIPTS

(a) *Carlton Hill Meeting House Archives (deposited* [Leeds University MS. [Deposit] 1979/1] *at the Brotherton Library, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT)*

Of the archive volumes the following items have been of particular value in editing this book of minutes. They contain appreciable amounts of Leeds material.

Brighouse Monthly Meeting. Book of Sufferings. 1658–1718. folio. Divided into four parts according to how the sufferings arose: for nonconformity; for meetings for worship; for non-payment of tithes, etc.; for refusing to swear. (Carlton Hill call number: L 14.)

Brighouse Monthly Meeting. Documents. 1665–1733. Sheets extracted from the Leeds Meeting register volume 1374 [now Public Record Office RG6/1276] and returned from London (1842?). folio. (Includes Leeds Sufferings accounts and Preparative Meeting accounts 1682–92.) (L 21.)

Brighouse Monthly Meeting. Minute book. 1688–1704. folio. (Includes 'The Settlement of the Monthly Meeting' (29 Sept 1696), with places of meeting for each month of the year.) (Q 1.)

Brighouse Monthly Meeting. Minute book. 1704–1712. folio. (Includes (p. 168ff.) copy of a paper received from York enumerating the meetings in the whole county, 1710.) (Q 2.)

Brighouse Monthly Meeting. Papers of discipline transmitted from Quarterly Meeting at York, 1690–1711. folio. (Minutes and letters, some originating at York, others transmitted from London and elsewhere.) (F 25/1–14.)

Brighouse Monthly Meeting of Ministers and Elders. Minute book. 1700–1776. oblong octavo. (Includes Advices from the London Yearly Meeting of Ministring Friends, 1702, and Queries.) (G 1.)

Gildersome Preparative Meeting. Minutes and proceedings. 1710–1739. folio. (P 32.)

Gildersome Preparative Meeting of Women Friends. Minute book. 1711–1749. quarto. (P 26.)

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(b) *Friends' Meeting House, Clifford Street, York YO1 1RG*

Digests of registers of births, marriages and burials.

Digested from the original records before they were surrendered to the government. Include registers of all Yorkshire meetings up to 1837. Another copy of the Digests will be found, together with volumes covering all the rest of the country, at Friends House Library.

(c) *Public Record Office, London*

Registers of births, marriages and burials.

Original records surrendered to the government. Class R.G.6. (R.G.6. 1276: Leeds Preparative Meeting registers, 1651–1776, examined on microfilm.)

LEEDS PREPARATIVE MEETING MINUTES, 1692–1712

The volume of minutes and accounts, recording the proceedings of the Leeds Meeting during twenty years in the reigns of William & Mary and Queen Anne, is a small quarto of some 280 pages. The pages are numbered in pencil. The volume measures about 20 cm × 15 cm and is bound in gatherings of eight leaves. The battered binding is parchment over boards. There is a single blind rule round the edges of each cover and a broken tie.

The title inscribed on the upper cover, in ink, in a nineteenth-century

hand reads: Minutes of Leeds Preparative Meeting from 1692 to 12th Month 1711.

The volume contains two elements — (i) the minutes and documents, and, beginning at the other end, (ii) the accounts for the poor for 1693 to April 1712 (pages 279–254).

The succession of minutes (in chronological sequence, and perhaps representing all the matter recorded in minute form at each meeting) is interspersed with copies of papers. Minutes run from 20 September 1695 to 20 February 1712, on pages 22–253. Accounts for the meeting house stable appear on pages 248–9. Inside the back cover, and at the beginning of the book are lists, with amendments, of Friends to be appointed as representatives to Monthly Meeting, 1696–1710. Letters, financial accounts and various documents also appear on early pages.

In the Carlton Hill Archives, the volume is numbered E 1.

The volume provided Leeds Friends with a book of record for meeting documents. It is not solely a minute book. In this it mirrors a good many other of the books in the Carlton Hill archives. Some pages at the beginning of the volume carry copies of correspondence with Dublin Men's Meeting concerning a case of a broken engagement. As time went on, the increase of business required the purchase of a separate book for recording papers coming from Yearly, Quarterly and Monthly meetings (28 Jan 1702). This record provided the basis of the selection made by Miles Walker and Benjamin Horner of 'some of the heads of the most weighty minutes' which should be read in Preparative Meeting (13 June, 25 July 1705). This material would doubtless have included much which was to appear later in the Books of discipline. The volume also provided space for the entry of records of collections on fire briefs; however only a couple of entries were made (for collections 13 June 1707, entered 25 Feb 1708).

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B.R.S. — Bristol Record Society.

bapt. — baptism, baptised.

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bur. — buried.

c. — circa.

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ch. — child, children.

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m. — marriage, married.

m. out — marriage out of unity with Friends' procedure.

M.M. — Monthly Meeting.

Nonconf. reg. — *The nonconformist register, of baptisms, marriages, and deaths, compiled by the Revs. Oliver Heywood & T. Dickenson, 1644–1702, 1702–1752, generally known as the Northowram or Coley register. . . . With lists of Popish recusants, Quakers, &c.* Edited by J. H. Turner. Brighouse, 1881.

p. — parish.

P.R.O. — Public Record Office.

Q.M. — Quarterly Meeting.

Quaker post-bag — *A Quaker post-bag. Letters to Sir John Rodes of Barlbrough Hall . . . and to John Gratton of Monyash, 1693–1742.* Selected and edited by Mrs. Godfrey Locker Lampson. London, 1910.

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Note on Transcription

The aim in this edition has been to reproduce the text as finally left by the clerk of the meeting when he drew up each minute, and also to indicate any amendments in the text, made at the time of the meeting, which add to the sense of each item, or which show how the final wording was arrived at. Deleted matter which adds to the sense is indicated in a note.

A note in the text indicates the addition of further material, with the words 'added later' when necessary. Scribal errors and repetitions have, in general, been ignored. Caption-titles from the margin have been inserted at the beginning of the minutes referred to, except where the title is 'Generall', or 'Leeds', or it merely repeats the opening phrase of the minute.

Square brackets enclose added matter, usually interpolated to elucidate the sense (for instance, the names of months are added to the numbers in date lines) or as a necessary correction to spelling.

Abbreviations and contractions have been extended, except for proper names, money statements and the ampersand. Superior letters have been lowered, except where it could cause confusion.

Modern practice has been adopted in capitalisation generally, over i and j, and v and u, F (*for* ff), and in adopting the, them, then, their, this, that (*for* ye, ym, yn, yr, ys, yt, developed from the Old English þ (thorn)).

Minimal punctuation has been provided where necessary.

Documents copied into the minute book, and the accounts, have been reproduced as they appear, but in smaller type.

DATES

Friends eschewed the naming of days and months after heathen gods. In Quaker documents, Sunday became First day; Monday, Second day; and so on to Saturday, Seventh day.

Up to 1752, under the Old Style Julian calendar, the English New Year began on Lady Day, 25 March. March therefore for Friends was

First month; April, Second month, and the following January and February were Eleventh and Twelfth month (of the old year) respectively. Dates from 1 March to 24 March may well have the double year dating (see 1702/3, heading the minutes for 24 March 1703). On occasion the double dating may be carried back to January, as 20th 11th month 1691/92 (for 20 Jan 1692).

In transcribing the minutes, modern month names have been inserted in brackets in the date line at the opening of each meeting. In editorial matter the New Style for months and years (beginning in January) is used.

[LEEDS FRIENDS' MINUTE BOOK, 1692–1712]

[*inside front cover:*]
The Names of Friends that is willing to enter in to the Service of the Truth in accompanying Traviling friends to the Next Meeting by Two at once as their turns coms[1]

1 Step: Elbeck Senr.[2] & Jos: North
2 Rob: Arthington & Wm. Jackson
3 Samll. Hulley & Jno. North
4 Stepn. Elbeck Jnr. & [*blank*]
5 Jno. Holsworth & Wm. Benson of Armley
6 Thos. Benson & Jno. Arthington or[3] Gott
7 Jos. Barber & Samll. Crowther
8 Will. Cowell & Robert Eastburn
9 Benja. Hornor & John Barlow
10 Richd. Armistead & Abram. Kendell
12 Henr. Thompson & Robert Walker[4]
11 Wm. Pycock & Wm. Benson of Churwell

Mo : Meeting : 1710[5]

1 Miles Walker Benja. Hornor
2 Wm. Jackson & Samll. Hulley
3 Jno. North & Samll. Crowther
4 St. Elbeck & George North
5 Josa. Barber & Wm. Benson
6 Aaron Atkinson : Gervis Ealam
7 George Horner & Robt. Eastburn
8 Zachr: Hopkings & Joseph Lupton

[1] Lists of guides also appear on pp. 1 (*anno* 1710) and 280 (1699) of the manuscript.
[2] Senr. *added later.*
[3] Gott substituted for Arthington; 'Arthington' deleted, but the significance of the word 'or' is not clear.
[4] when goeth to Walkfield *written in inner margin.*
[5] Lists of representatives also appear on pp. 2, 280 (1699), 281 (1705), and this list is repeated on pp. 11 and 234 of the manuscript.

9 Henr. Thompson & Jno. Cowell
10 Ed. Hulley & Hannana. Elbeck
11 Benja. Ledger & Richd. Armitstead
12 Josa. North & [*blank*]

[p. 1]
The Names of Such Friends as have offered themselves to accompany any Travelling Friends by turne from this meeting to the next meeting &c.

the 24th 3d month 1710

Imprs. Joshua North & Hannaniah Elbeck
2d. Jno. Arthington & Wm. Benson
3d. Samll. Jackson & Gervase Elam
4th. Samll. Hullay Jno. North
5th. Stephn. Elbeck & Geo. North
6th. Tim. Brogden & Robt. Harrison
7th. Jno. Cowell Junr. & Robt. Eastburne
8th. Benja. Horner & Jno. Thirkell
9th. Richd. Armitstead & Isaac Kendall
10th. Hen: Thomp. Junr. & Peter Thompson
11th. Zach. Hopkins & John Lupton
12th. Geo. Hornr. & Samll. Crowther
13th. Jno. Burkhead & Joseph Langstaff
14th. Miles Walker & Benja. Ledger

The Course of the Monthly Meeting
according as it was agreed at the Monthly Meeting at Joshua Laycocks the 27th of the 9th Month 1696[6] (Viz)

1st Mo.	Thomas Greens
2	Robt. Cowlings Now at Willm. Hollings's[7]
3	Richard Hansoms Now at Mankinholes[7]
4	Leeds Meeting=House
5	Manking holes Meeting house now at Josha Laycoc[ks][7]
6	Jonas Prestons now at Joshua Laycocks[7]
7	Tho: Greens
8	Rob: Cowlings now at William Hollings's at Wadehouse[7]
9	at Brigghouse=Meeting=house
10	at Brigghouse=Meeting=house
11	at Josa. Laycocks[8]
12	at Josha. Laycocks

[p. 2]
The names of such Friends as are willing to Attend the Monthly Meeteing by Two at once as theire turnes doe come[9]
1 Ro: Arthington and Will: Jackson
2 Stephen Elbecke and Sam: Crouther
3 Henry Ubanke[11] and Joshua North Henr: Steade[10]
S: Elbeck Jnr.[10]
4 James Person[11] and Daniel Langstaffe[11] Jno. North[12]
Robert Eastburn[10]
5 Bryan Sheafield and Will: Cowell
6 John Cowell and Ben: Horner
7 Rich: Armitstead & Joshua Barber
8 Sam: Midgley[11] & Jo: Gott & Thomas Benson[10]
9 Jo: Sikes & Tho: Benson[11] & Richard Jowett[10, 11]
Benja: Ledger[10]
10 Rich: Jowett & Ben. Ledger[13]
10 Wm. Benson

The Settlement of the Monthly Meettings
as it was Agreed at the Monthly Meetting
at Robert Cowlings the 15th of the 3d Month 1698[14]
Month
1st at Thomas Greens
Now[10] 2: at Robert Cowlings Wm. Hollings's at Wadehouse[10]
now[10] 3: at Josuah Laycocks Mankinholes meet=house[10]
4: at Leeds Meetting house
5: at Mankingholes Meetting house
now at Josha. Laycocks[10]
6: at Josuah Laycocks
7: at Thomas Greens
now[10] 8: at Robert Cowlings
Will: Hollings's at Wade-house[10]

[6] See Brighouse M.M. minutes: Carlton Hill Archives volume Q1, 75. References to volumes in the Archives are given by call number; and page number is indicated.
[7] Changed venue added later.
[8] Not all of these allocations were written at the same time or in the same hand. In 1696 the four winter meetings (9th to 12th months) were fixed to be held at Joshua Laycocks (Q1, 75).
[9] Marginal note, 'This is Altred', is enforced by the crossing out of the whole list.
[10] Added later.
[11] Name deleted.
[12] Name added later, in the margin.
[13] This line deleted.
[14] See Q1, 85 (with minutes for 29 April 1698).

9:	at Jo. Preston	Now at Brigghouse=meeting=house[10]
10:	at Richard Hansoms	Now at Brigghouse=Meet=house[10]
11:	at Josuah Laycocks	
12:		

[p. 3] Leeds the 20th 11th Month [January] 1691/2

Deare Friends

In the Blessed Truth which is unchangeable doe wee Sallute you; with all the Faithfull in those Parts (Wishing your prospirety & grouth in the Same) which leades us in to Uneson and Fellowship one with an other. Yours of the 19th 10th m[onth] wee received conserning one John Foster whome we perceive had Kindness for one Hannah Thackera, who formerly had lived in your Parts, when they was concerned, and now belonging our Meeting of Leeds, but doe understand that A Breach fell oute betwixt them. Have allsoe received Coppys of 2 letters sent John Foster by the said Hannah and Samll: Midgley relating to a clearness betwixt them, which wee have taken into our constheration. And according to your desire ordered some Friends to speak gently to the foresaid Hannah, to know her reason: why shee will not discharge the said John according as she promiced in 2 letters (seeing shee accepts of his discharge) which 2 letters was sent him by Sall. Midgley at her request. Her Answer is If John Foster had punctually answered her first letter which was sent by the said Sall: Midgley, which was to know whether his minde was to renue former kindness or other wise to utterly abandon the same, by sending her A discharge & shee would answer him with the like, at the recept of his. But (after the recept of hers) in stead of A dis[c]harge he sent her Mother a letter, which shee did produce before us. In the begining he gives her to understand that he is willing to answer hir daughters request as touching a discharge, [p. 4] but in the concleution he desires to know if shee will give her daughter anything consitherable if he come over to visite them, which thing she saith did soe agrivate & truble hir, that she is in noe wise willing to discharge him untill shee see him face to face; though it were oure advice that shee might have given him up, & gave her time to consither it, which was the reason that A[n] answer to yours was sent noe sooner. Have here inclosed sent the said Johns letter to the fore said Hannah, which we supose he calls his discharge, which indeede we can have noe Unity with, nither is it conferable with the Order of the Blessed Truth. Being what wee have to enserte at present, shall leave it to your consitheration. With unfained Love, remaine your Loving Friends and Breethren in the Truth.

Sighned On the B[e]haf of
our Meeting by
Richard Armistead
Benjamin Hornor
Wm. Cowell

Coppy
To the Menns Meeting
In Dublin In
Ireland

[p. 5] Leeds the 1[?][15] day of the 4 Month [June] 1692
To the Menns Meeting In Dubling These
Deare Friends & Brethren

Beloved in Christ Jesus; who hath begotten us into the Bond of Love peace & heavenly union, one with an other, & in that hath made us fellow feelers, & members of that one Body which seeketh after Love, Rightiousness & peace & justice one with an other, in this according to measure wee sallute you. Wee signifie you that wee have received your letter dated the 30th day of the 2d Month last concerning Hannah Thackery & John Foster, and according to your request, we have discoursed with H: Thackera, who ha[s] given up the mater in such manner as we hope will be to your satisfaction, for it was satisfaction to us to find her in such a condesending frame to leave the matter to you. Wee have here sent you her letter, which in som measure doth declare her mind, & therefore we shall no[t] ad more words of enlargement here, but leave the matter wholy to you. After you have don your endeaviour aboute ordering of the said business, wee desire to here from you. We judge it will be more sattle to Hannahs mind then at present she is in, & satisfaction to Friends of This Meeting.

Sighned on the Behalf of our
Meeting at Leeds in Yorkshire
by us Robert Arthington
Richard Armistead
Benjamin Hornor

Coppy

[p. 6] Coppie Leeds the 12th of the 7th Month [September] 1692
To the Menns Meeting in Dubling These
Deare Friends

The sallutation of our deare Love in Christ Jesus is to you, with the rest of our Faithfull Friends & Brethren, wishing your wellfare & prospirity in the Truth where in we have unity & fellowship one with an other. These may advise of the recept of yours, giving an account how you ordered the concerne betwixt John Foster & Hannah Thackery (Viz) that John was to pay the said Hannah Five pounds in consitheration of the loss she sustained, as allsoe desiring A Sertificate from Hanna as speedially as possable. In pursuance thereof wee did acquaint her with what you had done, and requested A Certificate from her which she did not deny to doe, but shee having time to consither the same, and in the Intrim hearing that John was in England (which we thought was not true) the thing fell soe heavie upon her that for a certaine time wee was affraid to mention it to her; which caused this our delay; but after she had got over it a little we delt soe with her, that with some dificulty have obtained one, which here in closed we send you, requesting the like from him, as allsoe hopeing of

[10] Added later.
[15] Day number obscured.

your care in ordering her the money according as you advised. We remaine your truly Loving Friends & Breathren in the Truth. In the Behalf of our Meting.

Rich. Armistead
Benj: Hornor

It is Hannah Thackera desire that you procure Certificate from Jno. before he have hers.

[p. 7] Leeds the 26th of the 7th Mσnth [September] 1692

John Stephens
& John Archer

Deare Friends Yours of the 3d Instant wee have received. For Answer thereof, we refer you to ours of 12th present sent per post to Anthony Sharpe, wherein is Inclosed Hannah Thackeras Discharge (of John Foster) as allsoe giving you the reasons of our soe long delay in sending of the same. And as to the money, we think it not requiset to send a recept untill it come into our hands, which if you can either send hether or remit to London, & advise us thereof & to whome you pay it: wee shall draw upon them, & take you a recept from the said Hannah, when we give her money. Soe having not to enlarge at present, with the remembrance of our cordiall Love shall put a period to our lines & rest.

In the Behalf of our Meeting
Richard Armistead
Benjamin Hornor

Coppy

[p. 8] The 8th day of 4th Month 1693

William Cowell Richard Armistead & Benjamin Hornor[16]

The 12th of 4th month [June] 1692 Collected by way of Subscription for reparing that part of the Meeting house

			d
Bryan Sheafield doth dwell in, the som of	£4 :	8s :	-
paid By Benja: Hornor which was alowed him againe out of the rent of buring close when his accounts was taken	0 :	9 :	3
som of	4 :	17 :	3

An account of the payment of Money above mentioned	£	s	d
paid James Wild for walling agains the brooke	3 :	6 :	-
paid Wm. Borrow for wood work	0 :	9 :	-
paid James Wild for plastering	0 :	5 :	0
paid for piles & moss	0 :	5 :	3
paid for nales & drinkings for workmen	0 :	12 :	-
	£ 4 :	17 :	3

[p. 9] Leeds the 14th day of the Third Month [May] 1693
A Collection Collected for the Quarterly Meetting which is one pound tenne shillings six pence 1li 10s 6d
was carryed to the Month Meeting by Jno. Cowell B: Hornor[17]

Coppie Rasterick the 26th 3d Month [May] 1693[18]
For Friends of Leeds Meeting
Deare Friends
The Condition of William Cundall a poor Friend of Your Meeting being lade befor us. Upon a mature consideration, it is the sence of Friends that first he make a final end with all his Creditors; & when that is done we shall be willing to take his nessity into consideration, & to assist you & him therein.
Signed by the order of Brighous M: M:
Per Joshua Laycock

The Originall of the Above was sent to the said Wm. Cundall per John Sykes; this 28th 3d Month 1693.

Coppye Brighous the 27th 8th Month [October] 1693
For Friends of Leeds Meeting These
The condition of Wm: Cundall a poore Friend of your Meeting was lade before Friends of this Meeting: And he having from time to time rejected the advice of Friends, it is agreed that he shall not be owned as a Friend; but have sent him some thing oute of charrity, & Friends of Leeds Meeting is desired to acquaint him with the sence of this Meeting.
Signed In the Behalf of the Monthly Meeting
by John Elam[19]

[p. 10]
Know all menn by these presence that I Hanna Thackery of Morley in the Parish of Battley & County of Yorke have had & received from Jno. Foster of the Sitty of Dublin in Ireland the full & just somm of Five pounds of good & lawfull money of England in full payment & satisfaction of all debts recknings & dews promises claimes & titles & demands of him the said Jno: Foster by me Hanna Thackery from the Beginning of the world to the day of the Date of

[16] Dateline and names deleted.
[17] Collection ordered at M.M. 28 April 1693 (Q1, 45); received at M.M. 26 May 1693 (Q1, 46).
[18] M.M. minute reads: 'William Cundall's concerns is brought to this result, that he first make a finall end with his creditors, whereby he will become an object (if need be) to be releived by this M: M:' (Q1, 46). The letter from Joshua Laycock is printed in H. Travis Clay, 'Brighouse Quaker Meeting' (*Trans. Halifax Antiquarian Society*, 1948, 19–25).
[19] Minute in Q1, 50. The amount given to Wm Cundall, out of charity, was 5s.

these presence as Wittness my hand & seale this first day of the Tenth Month in the Yeare 1692.

Sealed Signed & Delivered
in the presence of us,
Samll. Midgley
Robert Arthington
Benjamin Hornor
Richard Armistead

Hanna
Thackery
[seal]

A Coppy. The Originall was sent to Jno. Stephens of Dublin in Ireland.

[p. 11]

The Price of the Close in which is our Burying-place is Sixty four pounds. The Purchase was from Jno. Cummin In Meadow-lane in Leeds anno 1672do. 6to. mense.

The Purchase Deed is lodged with [*blank*]

The Trustees are [*blank*]

The Nr. Buryed since the year 1672—
—To the year . . . . . 1706. } is 209. In 34 Years.

Friends names who are to attend the mo. meet. by 2 & 2. in order as subscribed. (Vizt.)

Imprimis Benjamin Horner
&
Miles Walker.
2d. Wm. Jackson
&
Samll. Hullay.
3d. John North.
&
Samll. Crowther.
4th Stephen Elbeck
&
George North.
5th Josha. Barber
&
Wm. Benson.
6th Aaron Atkinson
&
Gervase Elam.
7th George Horner
&
Robt. Eastburne.
8th Zacharias Hopkin
&
Joseph Lupton.
9th Henry Thompson
&
John Cowell.
10th Edward Hullay
&
Hannaniah Elbeck.
11th Benja: Ledger
&
Richd. Armitstead.
12th Josha. North
&
[*blank*]

[p. 12] Leeds the 13th 6th Month [August] 1693

Is this day agreed upon betwixt Friends & Daniell Langstaf of Holbeck that he is to have Wm. Mettcalf sonn of George Mettcalf of Oldton deceased to be his apprentis, for Seven Years: his Indentures to take date upon the first of This Instant. And Friends is to pay the said Danll. the som of £2 to be paid at fower perticuler payments (Viz.) Ten Shillings in hand & Tenn Yearly untill ye said som of Two pounds be paid.

Signed In the Behalf of Friends of Our Meeting
by Ben: Hornor

	£	s	d
According to the agreemen with Daniell Langstaf as is above mentioned Tenn shilling paid the said Danll.	-	10	-[20]
the 10th 8th Month 1694 Paid Daniell Langstaf by the hands of Bryan Shefield the second Tenn shillings which came from the Monthly Meeting at Thos. Greenes the 27th 7th Month 1694	-	10	-[21]
the 25th 8th Month 1695. Received from Monthly Meeting Tenn Shillings Per Robert Arthington which was paid to Danll: Langstaf being the Third payment, according to the Agreement above mentioned	0 :	10	-[22]
the 26th 12th Month 1696: Benja. Hornor brought from the Monthly Meeting Tenn shillings which was paid to Danll. Langstaff being the 4th & last payment according to the Agreement above mentioned	0	10	-[23]
	£ 2 :	0 :	0

[p. 13] Leeds the 26th 9th Month [November] 1693

Memorndom that Frances Siddall Borrowed of Robert Arthington Tenn Shillings, which she promiseth to pay him again; But upon defalt thereof it is agreed that Friends shall pay him.

Leeds the 19th 6th Month [August] 1694

Frances Siddall paid Robert Arthington Tenn shillings which she borrowed of him as is above enterted.

[20] Noted in the account of £1 10s. given to Leeds Friends at M.M. 26 Aug 1693, 'to buy bread for Wm. Cundall's childeren Ten shillings, & for paying ¼ of what they have agreed to pay with A Boy of Widdow Metcalfe's in his Apprentishippe Ten shillings, & for the releife of other poore Ten shillings' (Q1, 49).

[21] See Q1, 59 (minutes dated 28 Sept 1694).

[22] See Q1, 68.

[23] See Q1, 77.

Money Subscribed for Walling the Buring place

1695	£	s	d
James Pearson	0 :	5 :	0
Stepn. Elbeck	0 :	5 :	0
Rob: Arthington	1 :	0 :	0
Jno. Harryson	0 :	5 :	0
Jno. Smith	0 :	6 :	0
Jos. Barber	0 :	2 :	6
Jos. North	0 :	2 :	6
Rob: Peart	0 :	5 :	0
Wm. Jackson	0 :	10 :	0
Benja: Hornor	0 :	10 :	0
Tabi: Wails	0 :	5 :	0
Moses Hulley	0 :	3 :	6
Henry Eubanck	0 :	4 :	0
Wm. Cowell	0 :	5 :	0
Mary Barlow	0 :	5 :	0
Jno. Arthington	0 :	2 :	0
Sam: Harper	0 :	5 :	0
Bryan Sheafield	0 :	2 :	0
Jno. Cowell	0 :	5 :	0
Richd. Armistead	0 :	10 :	0
Danll. Langstaf	0 :	2 :	6
Benja. Ledger	0 :	2 :	6
Jos: Arthington	0 :	2 :	0
	£ 6 :	4 :	6
Left by Jane Bland at her death	10 :	- :	-
	£ 16 :	4 :	6

1695

	£	s	d
Paid James Wild for walling he finding all	15 :	0 :	6
paid Wm. Burkby for doore & frame; with Galery satting[24]	0 :	19 :	-
Hedg stubing; besides what Men Friends sent	0 :	2 :	6
Lock mending & nales	0 :	1 :	5½
Moss — for house	0 :	0 :	6
drinks	0 :	0 :	6½
Summ	£ 16 :	4 :	6

[p. 14] The 25th of 2d Mo: [April] 94 Agreed

That Friends now present at this monthly meeteing who hath beene acquainted with the accountes of Ben. Horner, doe communicate the same to Friends not now present belonging our meeteing to desire them to be at the next monthly meeteing to heare the same againe examined, and other matters spoken to concerning travilling Friends.

Att our Monthly Meeting at Leeds the 25th 2d Month [April] 1694

It being lade before Friends of this Meeting that Ruth Thackera of Morley had concerned her selfe in order for marriage with one not professing the Blessed Truth. Therefore Marcy Armistead, Tabitha

Jawitt & Ann Midgley is ordred to speake to her & bring in her answer betwixt & our next Monthly Meeting.

Att our Monthly Meeting the 23d of 3d Mo: [May] 94
The persons above said doe return their answer by William Readshaw, which is that the said Ruth doth say that shee is cleare of medling with any of the World people & that shee seeth the evell of those that run in to those things, & what was betwixt her & a Man of the World is at an end.

[p. 15] 1694
The Matter of Benj: Horner mentioned on the other side was againe concidered on the 25th of the 5th mo: and is referred to the next Monthly Meeteing, and friends is desired that is now present to bee here & to give notice to others that's not here at this time to come the next monthly meeteing.

The 29th day of the 6th mo: [August] 94: according to the aforementioned order severall Friends did meete and did examine the accountes of a[!] Benj: Hornor for the time by past to the 24th of the 12th month 1693 and finding nothing placed to account for his disbursments[25] and costes by Travilling Friends horses or otherwayes, it is agreed by this meeteing that from the 24th of the 12th mo: 1693 Beniamin Hornor doe bring in an accounte of his disbursements for Traviling Friends horses at the end of the said yeare, that an allowance may bee made to him:

Signed in the behalfe of this meeteing by Robt: Arthington

[p. 16] Brighouse Monthly Meeting 23d 12th Mo: [February] 1693[26]
Wee being acquainted that a Servant of thine by thy Permition has bought of the Tythe Farmers a quantity of corn properly thine, which wee doubt not but thou art & has beene many years perswaded in thy conscience that it ought not eather to be paid or any ways connived at. Wee therefore in regard he was thy Servant (& therefore at thy command) are very sory that thou should soe fer dispence with thy Servant, contrary to that know sence and practice of all honest Friends that retaine their integrity; which practice wee condem, and as

[24] Word altered: *i.e.* seating?
[25] charges *deleted.*
[26] To Henry Ewbank. See Q1, 52 for the minute of record.

thou has promised to doe soe noe more wee desire thou would observe thy word.

Signed by order of the said Meeting

Per Joshua Laycock

To Henry Eubanck of
Leeds Meeting, These

Coppy

Brighouse Monthly Meeting 23d 12th Mo: [February] 1693[27]

We understand that thou hast made a contract with thy Landlord to acquit thee of the Thythe impending upon thy farm & thereby avoyding all occation of Suffering on that account, and yet thereby the Thythe is paid contrary to Friends practice & principle. Therefore we cannot but condem the action, desiring that for the time to come you would acquitt thy selfe thereof, which is the sence & judgement of this Meeting, that thou doe not forbeare & neglect the same.

Signed by order of the Meeting

Per Joshua Laycock

To John Cowell
of Leeds Meeting These

Coppy

[p. 17] The 23d of the 12th Month [February] 1693

The Monthly Meetings Oppinion of Stephen Elbecks Case.[28] Stephen Elbeck ought to perswade the person that borrowed the money of him (& paid the Tythe) to pay him it quiettly a[g]ain, & if not to use his indeavours to recover the same by Law.

The Meeting also desired William Jackson to take the same measures prescribed to Stephen Elbeck.[29]

From Brighous Monthly Meeting the 23d 12th Month [February] 1693[30]

Friends of Leeds Meeting having lade before us that there is somm amongst them (professing the Blessed Truth) which follows the imploy of lace making, which practice hath beene judged unlawfull by divers eminent Friends many years agoe, as allsoe the persons practising the same if obstinately persisting therein to be disowned, being such as not onely practiceeth what is in lawfull but refuseth & sleighteth the advice of their Friends who desired their wellfare.

Therefore unto such as follow the said imploy, it is our advice that they give up the same & come into unity with honest Friends. But if you slight this our advice wee must be forsed to proseede against you according to the good order of the Blessed Truth.

Signed in the Behalf of the Monthly Meeting by Abraham Hodgon
(Coppy)

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At Oure Monthly Meeting at Leeds the 19th of the 10th Month [December] 1694

It being lade before this Meeting that Benja: Ellitson hath walked very disorderly; he being present at this Meeting hath beene accordingly delte with, and doth promice Areformation. William Readshaw & Benjamin Hornor is desired to give an account to our next Month Meeting how he doth demeane him selfe.

Also the Case of Wm. Cundell being lade before Friends, Stephen Elbeck, Jno. Sykes, Jno. Gott & Thomas Benson is appoynted to make enquiry of aney that is willing to lett the said Wm. Cundell a cow for the whole noyte[31] & Friends doth agree to pay for the same, & to give an account thereof as soone as possable.

the 23: of 11th mo: 94 the matter of Ben: Elletson was examined into and Ben: Horner desireth longer time before hee give an account of the said Ben: E:

The matter of Will: Cundall is likewise examined into & the answer is that Joseph Liverseege hath letten him a cow & friends is to pay 15s. for the whole yeares note.

The above said 15s. is paid to Jos: Liverseege
by Rich: Armitstead.

Rich: Stirke of Woodas & his wife was both examined upon the 13th of the 11th month concerneing the usage of the son of Tho: Driver of Gasgill[32] in Craven who was Aprentice with the said Rich: Stirke, occasioned by a letter of complainte from the said Tho: Driver to this[33] meeteing, & the matter of complainte being lade bare fore the said Rich: Stirke to consider of and give his answer to this meeteing this 23 of the 11th mo: who not appeareing this meeteing doth order, that Ro: Arthington & Jo: Cowell do speake to the said Rich: & reporte the same to this meeting.

[27] To John Cowell; see Q1, 52 for the minute of record.

[28] See Q1, 52. 17s. 6d. due to Stephen Elbeck had been paid by the debtor to the tithe farmer, 'unknown to the said Steven'.

[29] See Q1, 52.

[30] M.M. 23 Feb 1694: 'The case of makers of bone lace being brought before this Meeting, the practis therof is whooly condemned, & the persons admonis't by letter to abandon the same.' (Q1, 53).

[31] Noyte (=note): the milk given by a cow; the period of giving milk.

[32] Gazegill, 1 m. SSW of Gisburn.

[33] monthly *deleted.*

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The 29th of the 3d mo: [May] 95: Some differance formerly hapning betwixt Rich: Kendall & one of the worlds people, which differance caused Rich: Kendall to carry himselfe in such manner as did not become the truth, which carrage & some other of the said Rich: Kendalls hath been discorsed with Rich: Kendall at our meeteing, and hee doth acknowledge his fault & promiseth that for time to come he hopeth to be more watchfull & carefull of his carrage.

Richard R Kendall
his marke

Wheras Friends of Leeds Meetting hath at severall times given us to understand the loose & unchristianlike walkeing of Isabell Thornton of Leeds widdow, who hath thes many years come to their meettings at Leeds & hath formerly in some measure been looked upon as a Member of the said Meetting, but for severall years by past her walking hath not been answerablenor agreeing to the truth, but thorrow her loose carelese & covetous conversation, hath brought dishonour to god his people & their holy profession, by giveing way to drunkenness & lying & other miscariages, for which she was formerly privately reproved & exhorted by severall friends, to forsake such vises & miscariages as she was adicted to, but she not forsakeing the same, she was againe reproved & exhorted by 2 or 3 friends of the said Meetting, and finding that such exhortations & reproofe found no place in the said Isabell she was openly reproved & admonished by Friends of the said Meetting, & also by some travilling Friends, but the said Isabell Thornton not owning the said exhortation & reprofe, but doth justifie herselfe against all such evidence as doth come against her & will not own her condemnation for such miscariages, nor clear the truth of the same, Therfore this Meetting for the honour of god, his truth & people, doth give their testimony against all such practises as are proved upon her the said Isabell Thornton, and doth forever condemn & disown that spirit which is acted in them, and untill we see a hearty reformation in the said Isabell, which we do earnestly desire we do in the fear of god & behalfe of all our Friends & brethren from this time forward deny her to be one of our sosiety or a Member in true fellowship and unitie with the body of which Christ Jesus is the head.

Signed on the behalfe and by the appointment of Brighouse Monthly Meetting held at Jonathan Laycocks this 27th day of the 5th Mo: 1694.

By Josuah Laycock[34]

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To our Dear Friends Brethren & sisters In Dublin or elsewher this may come, Grace, mercy, & peace be multyplyed in and amongst you forever. We your friends & brethren do certifie unto you That latly we have receaved a letter from Sarah Hartley a friends daughter of our Meetting at Leeds who we suppose is come to your parts, desireing a Certificate from us of her behaviour when with

us, which we had not denied her when she acquainted us with her intentions at our weeke day Meetting, but that we did not approve of thee company she was to go with, and did earnestly desire her to defer going till a fitter opportunity of other company which we thought more sutably. But on the contrary, she refused our tender advice, tooke her own mind to go with the said company without our consent. But now we do understand that she finds her selfe at a lose for want of a Certificate, and also that her desire is to be amongst Friends, so out of our tender care for her preservation & respect we bear to her father do acquaint you as followeth (viz)

First For anything we know she was educated in the way of truth & frequented our Meetings thes severall years,

secondly, she had the consent of parents as fare as we understand to go for Ireland,

3dly We did never understand that ever she was conserned with any upon the account of mariage before her departure from us.

We were sory for her departure from us, and do heartily desire her welfare & preservation every way, and that her sole trust & confidence may be in the lord, & her eye towards him & that she may grow strong in him & in his blessed truth, and keep all her times & dayes she hath to spend in true unitie & fellowship with the lord our god & all his people who truely love him with a sincere heart. So with endeared love to all dear & faithfull friends. We are very glad & do very much rejoyce when we hear of your constancy & faithfullnes when in the time of very great tryall & sufferings, the which we [p. 21] Pray god to continue unto the end, & in the end. And rest your very loveing Friends, in unitie with all that keeps to their first love. And in that love which is unchangable, Farewell, Farewell.

From your Friends & Brethren at Leeds the last day of the 4th Month, 1695

Know you that our Lo: Friends
Mary Robinson &
Mary Barlow was here

Willm. Readshaw
Henry Ewbanke
Brian Sheefield
Rich. Armistead
Rob: Peart
Stephen Ilbeck

Moses Hulley
John Sykes
John Harison
John Cowell

Willm. Cowell
Willm. Jackson
Benjamen Horner

[34] M.M. 27 April 1694: 'Agreed that Robt. Arthington draw a paper of denyall of Isabell Thornton & account thereof to be brought to this M: M:' (Q1, 54).
25 May 1694: 'Agreed that Wm. Readshaw & Robt. Arthington writ theire sence of the denyall of Issabell Thornton & send it to next M: M:' (Q1, 56).
29 June 1694: 'Ordered that Friends of Leeds draw a paper of judgment against Issabell Thornton & present the same to this meeting, to be considered of, & if need be, corrected.' (Q1, 57).
27 July 1694: Paper of condemnation (Q1, 58).

the 28th day of the 6th month [August] 1695.

At our monthly meeteing the day abovesaid Friends of this meeteing haveing heard the differance and aligations, strife and debaite betwixt Rich: Armitstead and Timothy Brogden and haveing given their sence of the said difference which is that for all strife contention & mallice & words tending that way bee wholly laid downe & that each partie doe their indeaver to forget all such things for time by past & to propagate each other in the way of their traid: & that they will for the truth sake & friends sattisfaction in full intention to performe the former wee unanimously subscribe our names.

Rich: Armitstead
Timothy Brogdin

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Friends apointed to goe to the Monthly Meeteing the 20th of the 7th [September] 95: is
Rich: Jowett
Ben: Ledger.

Friends apointed to goe to the Monthly meeteing the 25th of 8th Mo: [October] is
Will: Jackson
Ro: Arthington

Friends apointed to goe to the Monthly Meeting the 29th of 9th Month [November] is
Stephen Elbeck
Samuell Crowther

Friends apointed to goe to the Monthly-Meeteing at Wid: Hodghson's the 20th of 10 mo: [December] 95 is Step: Elbecke for Hen: Ubancke & Joshua North to accompanie him.

Friends that went to the Monthly meeteing the 30: of 11th mo: [January] 95 is Ro: Eastburne & Daniel Langstaffe.

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The 18th of 10: mo: [December] the matter of Benj: Ellerson hath agan [*corner tear*] beene under the consideration of this Meeteing; & it is thought meete that Will: Cowell & Bryan Shefield doe goe to him & to request him to come to the next monthly meeteing or to meete 4: 5: or 6 friends at some friends house before that time to answer to such matters as friends desires sattisfaction from him in.

the 29th of 11th mo. [January] 95
The Matter propounded to this meeting from our last Mo: Meeteing about a certaine Rent payable out of severall lands within this Monthly Meeteing called a Tythe Rent whether the same was a proper Tythe or not: to which this meeteing doth answer that they are not cleare in giveing a positive Judgement about the same, being they doe not rightly understand how the said Rent came first to bee paid, & being it hath beene discoursed by weighty Friends[35] therefore this meeteing doth leave the Judgment of the same to the Monthly Meeteing, or to what place they[36] will see meete to aply themselves for sattisfaction.

the 29th of 11: mo. [January] 95.
Benj: Ellerson came this day to the meeteing. Friends did discourse him about his carlesse walkeing, by drinkeing to much strong drinke & spendinge his wages in such maner as he can get no clothes to his backe tho hee hath usually yearned 5s. or 6s. a weeke. Therefore this meeteing doth by the representitives desire the Month Meeteings Judgment.
Signed in the behalfe of the meetting by Willm. Readshaw[37]

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The matter of Ben: Ellerson was propounded to the month meeteing the 30: of 11: month & the meeteing sent a note to Benj: Ellerson to come to the next mo: meeteing, which note was delivered to him by Bryan Sheafield.[38]

Friends apointed to goe to the monthly meeteing the 28th of the 12th mo: [February] is Daniel Langstaffe & Will: Cowell.

Friends apointed to goe to the monthly meeteing the 27th of the 1st mo: [March] 96: is Jo: Cowell & Benj: Hornor.

A Collection sent by them for the reliefe of the poore the money sent is .. .. } 01-07-00[39]

[35] before *deleted.*
[36] Word deleted.
[37] M.M. 31 Jan 1696: 'Benj: Ellerton writte to, to come to next M: M: or to next but one' (Q1, 70). The next M.M. minute read (28 Feb 1696): 'By what appeareth to this Meeting concerning Benj: Ellerton, we can have noe unity with him, but being tender of giveing out a Testimony against any but upon warrantable grounds, doe give liberty to the said Benjamin to appeare at next M: M:, & Leeds friends to acquaint him with the same.' (Q1, 70).
[38] M.M. 27 March 1696: 'It is agreed that if Benjamin Ellerton doe not give friends of Leeds satisfaction concerning his evill walking & of his reall endeavours for amendment, in forsakeing too much strong drinke, that then this M: M: shall give out a Testimony of denyall of him.' (Q1, 71).
[39] See Q1, 71.

Friends apoynted to goe to the Monthly Meeting the 24th of the 2d Month [April] is Joshua Barber & Richard Armistead.

Leeds 27th 3d Mo. [May] 1696

Friends apoynted to goe to the Monthly Meeting the 29th of 3d Month (at Mankinholes) is Rich: Armistead & Benja: Hornor.

Leeds 21th 4th Mo. [June] 1696

A Collection made for the Quarterly Meeting the 21th 4th Month & paid at the Monthly Meeting which was at Leeds the 22d of the same month 1696.

Money Collected is £1 : 9s : 0d.[40]

Leeds 29th 5th Mo. [July] 1696

Friends apoynted to goe to the Monthly Meeting at Halyfx is Thomas Benson & Jno. Sykes.

A Collection sent by Thomas Benson for Reliefe of the poore; was collected the 26th 5th Month som is } £ 1 : 3 : 6[41]

[p. 25] Leeds the 27th 3d Month [May] 1696

The condition of Ann Wilkinson being lade before this Meeting. It is agreed unto that she have one shilling & sixpence oute of Charity, and Wm. Cowell, Richard Armistead & Bryan Shefield doe speake to her to know her reasons why she hath soe long absented from our Meetings: and to bring an answer to the next Month Meeting.[42]

27th 3d Mo:

This day: Hanna Liversige being present at Our Meeting was publickly spoake to above conserning her selfe in relation to marriage with one thats not of our Society; & warned not to conserne herselfe aney further.

At a Monthly Meetting held at Leeds the 22d day of the 4th Mo: [June] 1696, the matter conserning Benj. Ellerson came in question, & is as followeth,[43]

Thes are to certifie all that Benj. Ellerson a reputed Member of Leeds Meetting haveing given many just occasions of reflections upon the truth we profess by takeing too much strong drink, & not discharging his debts he hath run into therby, & he haveing been admonished several times both privately and publickly both in particular & publick Mo: Meett: & it takeing no place with him, so as to take up a Cross, to take away the just occasions he hath & doth give by his disorderly actions, but rather reflecting upon Friends for their admonishing of him. We can do no less then give forth this our testimony against him and his disorderly actions and disown him as a Member of our

societie (untill by a godly sorrow & a true repentance & amendment of life he manifest otherwise) and we do give forth this our testimony against him & his disorderly actions, that hereby may be by him acted so as the truth we profess may be cleared. From our Month Meetting belonging to Brighouse the 22d day of the 4th Month 1696.

Signed on the behalfe of said Meetting
at Leeds by Thomas Greene

[p. 26] Leeds the 29th 5th Month [July] 1696

William Cowell, Richd. Armistead & Bryan Shefield being ordered to speak Ann Wilkinson (she being in nessaty) to know her reasons why she absented her selfe from Meetings &c. as before mentiond.

Their Answer is that they have accordingly spoake to her & finds thats through great Lamenes & Inability of Body that hindereth her from coming to Meetings & it is their sence that shee should have som reliefe from Friends.

Leeds the 26th 6th Month [August] 1696

Friends apoynted to goe to the Month Meeting at Robt: Cowlings the 28th 6th Month is Richd: Jowett & Benja: Ledger.

Leeds the 23d 7th Month [September] 1696

Friends apoynted to goe to the Monthly Meeting at Thomas Greenes the 25th 7th Month is Robt: Arthington & William Jackson.

Leeds the 29th 8th Month [October] 1696

Friends apoynted to goe to the Monthly Meeting at Robert Cowlings the 30th of 8th Month 1696 is Stephen Ilbeck & Samll. Crowther.

The 25th of 9th mo: [November] 96: Hen: Ubancke and Jos: North apointed to goe to the monthly meeteing to be at Jos: Lacockes the 27th of this 9th mo: and a Collection sent in for the purchas of the meeteing house at Yorke, which summ is Two pounds Three shilling & Sixpence

£ 2 : 3s : 6d[44]

[40] See Q1, 72.

[41] See Q1, 73.

[42] Ann Wilkinson's name appears against grants of 18d. (Q1, 73; Aug. 1696), 8s. (Q1, 80; 30 July 1697), 6s. 6d. (Q1, 84; 25 March 1698).

[43] See Q1, 73 (22 June 1696).

[44] £2 11s. 6d. delivered from Leeds at M.M. (29 Nov 1696) in a total of £11 16s. 2s. 6d. 'short in wheight' was deducted, and the record states: 'The Sume £11 14s. 6d. Sent to Yorke by Rt. Arthengton & Josha. Laycocke who are ordered for the Quarterly Meeting.' (Q1, 74).

[p. 27] Leeds the 17th x Month [December] 1696
Danll. Langstaf & Robert Eastburn appoynted to goe to the Monthly Meeting at Joshua Laycocks 18th xth Month.

Leeds the 27th XI: Month [January] 1696:
Friends appoynted to goe to the Monthly Meeting at Jos: Laycocks the 29th XIth Month 1696: is Wm. Cowell & Bryan Sheafield.

Leeds the 24th 12th Month [February] 1696
Friends appoynted to goe to the Monthly Meeting at Joshua Laycocks the 26th of 12th Month 1696 is John Cowell & Benja: Hornor.

A collection made for the use of the poore the 21th 12th Month 96: amounted to the some of one pound & Nine Shillings: was carryed to the Month Meeting by John Cowell & Benja: Hornor above mentioned.[45]

Thomas Swaile Holbeck
The Case of Thomas Swales of Holbeck was laide before this Meeting & its agreed on that the same be lade before the Monthly Meeting at Hallyfax.

Thomas Pawson lying his condition before Friends; he is desired to put forth his Daughter Ruth Apprentice to some Friends (she seeming to be a charge to them) & bring account to our next Monthly Meeting of his proseeding therein.

The Matter of John Harrisons Daughter marrying with a priest being lade before this Meeting, its agreed that the Generall Monthly Meeting at Hallyfax be acquainted with the same & their sence brought to our next Month meeting.[46]

[p. 28] Leeds 1696
Likewise the matter of Margrett Lapage daughter marrying with a priest, being lade before Friends[47] by Richd. Armistead & Wm. Cowell, & her mother apearring in the Meeting very boysterous (to Friends great truble) so it is agreed upon that the same be lade before friends of the Generall Monthly Meeting & their sence brought to our next Month Meeting.

The concerne relating to Friends accompaning such friends as Travils in the servis of the truth, by two & two at a time at the least was discorsed in this Meeting & it is the sence of friends, that it is very nessary & servisable, & that the same be lade before Friends at our first day

Meeting, that such Friends as is willing to enter into the service thereof doe give in ther names.

Leeds the 24th first Month [March] 1697

Friends appoynted to attend the Monthly Meeting at Thomas Greenes 25th Instant is Richd. Armistead & Joshua Barber.

The case of Thomas Swale referred to the next Month: Meeting.

Thomas Pawson appearing at this Meeting gives an [a]ccount that he hath delt with his Daughter Ruth & yett cannot perswade her to goe anaprentice to aney Friend. It is the sence of Friends that the said Tho: Pawson hath not behaved himselfe nor walked as a good example before his child; & also given just occation to honest Friends in being overcomd with strong drink & in measure justifying the same, which mater is referd to the next Mo: Meeting, at which he is desired to be present.

The Generall Month Meeting being acquainted with the matter of Margrett Lapage doth declare their disunity with both her & her daughter & doth refer the same to our own Meeting
Which matter is referd to the next Mo: Meeting.

Is also the sence of the said Month: Meeting that somthing be drawn as to the disowning Elling daughter of Jno: Harryson (whilest shee remains in that spiritt) & the same entred in oour owne Meeting Booke.

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Whereas Elling Daughter of John Harrison of Beeston haveing had her education amongst the people of God called Quakers, who for want of takeing due heed to the measure or manifestation of Gods Spirrit (given to all) of which we the said people doe make profession to be guided by: Her mind became estranged from God, and the Worlds Spirit grew up in her, appeareing both in Behaviour & attire to the trouble of the honest harted amongst us In so much that now of late she hath further manifested what spirit she was of; In takeing a husband amongst the world before a priest. All which practices being repugnant to that which we make profession of since it pleased God by the ability of his Grace in our measures by our obedience thereto to draw us out from the World & practices thereof & made us to be witnesses against the evill of the same. Therefore we the said people in good conscience can doe noe less then disown the practices & declare our disunity with her the said Elling soe long as she

[45] See Q1, 77.

[46] Minute perhaps made in response to M.M. minute of 26 Feb 1697: 'It's the sence of this meeting that a record in each particuler meeting be kept of persons' disorderly actions within theire meetings, & the parties to be acquainted therewith.' (Q1, 76).

[47] M.M. minute, 15 June 1697: 'The matter of Margret Lapige is refered to Leeds Meetting.' (Q1, 80).

remaines in that rebellious state; soe what may happen by her may not be charged upon us; but yet we desire if it be the will of the Lord, he bring her to trew repentance a Godly sorrow and right acknowledgment of the offence shee hath given to him & his people.

Signed in behalfe of the Meeteing by

The 28th of the 2d Mo 1697 — William Cowell, Rich: Armitstead

[p. 30] The 28th of the 2d Month [April] 1697

Friends belonging Leeds Meetting, at their Monthly or preparitive meetting haveing had some discourse with Thomas Pawson in relation to his being severall times overcome with strong drinke, which by the testimony of severall Friends appears to be true, and the said Thomas Pawson being sencible of it doth promise for time to come, to be carefull to do so no more, and doth own his condemnation for what is past, as witness his hand

Tho. Pawson

John Gott & Tho: Benson: appoynted to attend the Mo: Meeting at Rob: Cowlings.

Jonathan Merrie being accused of the same offence doth promise to writ his condemnation and acknowledgment for the same & give it in at the next Preparitive Meetting.

The matter of Tho: Swailes being refered to the care of Willm. Cowell, Richard Armistead, Daniel Langstaff and James Pearson & to give an account to the next Preparitive Meetting.

The matter of Margret Lapige is referred to the next Preparitive Meetting & she to have notice to be ther by W: Cowell & R: Ar:

Hannah daughter of Richerd Jewitt appearing at this Meetting, being about 15 years of age & being without father & mother, the care of Friends being to get her a place, which by her own choice is to be 4 years with Jonathan Merry, for his wife to educate her in such imployment as Eliz: wife to the said Jonathan is capable to put her into. Eliz: Wilson and Mary Cowell is ordered to se what apparell the said Hannah wanteth & report the same to the next Preparitive Meetting.

Willm. Jackson, Rob: Ardington, Stephen Elbeck, Moses and Samuel Hulley, Willm. & John Cowell, Richard Armistead & James Pearson, Daniel Langstaff, Benj. Ledger & Josuah Barber to meet at the Meetting house at Leeds the 12th of the 3d Mo: by 10 in the Morning to take the accounts of Benjamin Horner.

[p. 31] The 26th of the 3d Month [May] 1697

Representatives for the next M. Meeting are John Sykes & Ben: Ledge[r].

The matter concerning Thomas Swails was examined: the four Friends appointed at the last Meeting to enquire into his condition do report to this Meeting that the said Thomas Swails is low as to the outward, & that they believe it is not occasioned through wastfull & lavish carriage, & therefore more fitt to be helped; they gave him at 2 several times 5 shill. & straw for hats is yet to pay for, which is left to the consideration of Friends.

Eliz: Willson, Mary Cowell & Eliz: Merrey being the day abovesaid examined concerning Hannah Jowett; report that the said Hannah was according to her choice placed with Jonathan Merrey, but after a small time of her settlement she took her cloths, & without acquainting her said Mr. or Dame or any other that took care of her, went privately away, & since hath shifted from place to place as her own inclination leads her; which carriage is contrary to Truth's Order & testifyed against by Friends of this Meeting.

This Meeting doth order that Jonathan Merrey do come himselfe to our next Preparative Meeting which is to be the 9th of the 4th Mo: & answer to the paper sent by him to this Meeting concerning his being overcome with strong drink.

Joshua Barber & Benjamin Hornor to go to him & acquaint him therewith.

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Margaret Lapage not appearing at this Meeting, it is referred to the next Preparative Meeting.

The marriage of Mary Kendall being laid before this Meeting, that she hath forsaken Friends & married a husband contrary to Truth's Order, therefore this Meeting doth appoint Wm. Cowell & Rich: Armstead to go to Rich: Kendall & his Wife & acquaint them that Friends do intend to deny the said Mary as one of their Society unless they or she can shew good grounds & reasons to the contrary at the next Preparative Meeting which is to be the 9th of the 4th Month 97. at the Meeting-House neer Leeds.

Leeds. 9th of 4th Month [June] 1697.

Jonathan Merrey this day appearing at our Meeting brought with him a paper of condemnation which he himselfe publickly read; & it is agreed that the same be recorded.

Richard Kendall & his wife appearing at this Meeting do declare. Their daughters marriage was without their consent and that they have no unity with the same, so its the sense of Friends that a record be kept of our disunity with the said practice & her whilst she remains in that spirit.

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The necessity of Thomas Pawson being laid before Friends, Richard Armstead, Richard Kendall, Benjamin Hornor & Wm. Cowell are ordered to go to his house, & take notice of his condition, & give him their advice according as in Truth's Order is seen meet, & report their sense to the next preparative Meeting.

Margaret Lapage appearing before Friends still in a boisterous spirit, it is aggreed that Friends of the Month Meeting be acquainted with it: But as to her daughter, that something be entered as a denyall of the practice & her for the same whilst she remains in that nature.

Whereas I Jonathan Merrey have for severall years frequented the Meetings of the People of God called Quakers, & while I was faithfull to God's Witness, the Spirit of Truth made manifest in me I had good unity & fellowship with them, but now, with griefe, sorrow & sadness of heart I do from my very heart confess that I have sinnd against & offended my good God & grieved his good Spirit & People, by keeping company with the wicked Men of this World & being drawn into excess & takeing too much drink to my great shame & disgrace, which is a dishonour to me & the blessed Truth & People with whom I have formerly had good unity & fellowship. & now with my very heart I do repent that ever I should give way to the Enemy so to be captivated & ensnared, & thus to fall into his temptations, & to act thus in sin & wickedness contrary to the measure of grace given me, so that I do promise (by the help of God & assistance of his good Spirit & Grace given & bestowed upon me) [p. 34] never so to offend & grieve him & his people any more, but allways to take heed & watch against the Devil & all his temptations, & I do with my very heart forever judge & condemne the spirit that tempted me or any other so to offend, & I pray God so to help me, & I desire the prayers of the faithfull in my behalfe, that I may stand a faithfull witness against sin & Sathan to my live's end.

Witness my Hand
Jonathan Merrey

The 9th of the 4th Month
1697.

Forasmuch as Mary the daughter of Richard & Mary Kendall, & Elizabeth the daughter of George & Margaret Lapage did some time come to & frequent our Meetings at Leeds, & did in some measure make profession with us, but for want of possession & takeing due heed to the divine Witness & practice of us the People of God called Quakers, & abideing in the Light which keeps in unity

& true fellowship, the said Mary & Elizabeth have acted in their own wills, quite repugnant to Scripture's example both in the old & new Testament, & allso to the practice of us the People of God in this our day, in joyning with unbelievers, & takeing husbands before priests & being joyned together with them, contrary to the good advice & counsell often [p. 35] given to them & others by Publick Friends in our said Meetings, & also contrary to the good advice given them in private. Therefore we the said People in good conscience & in true obedience to our God can do no less than in our measure deny them & bear a faithfull Testimony against all such marriages, & against all such proceedings, & takeing liberty in the Flesh, contrary both to Scriptures & to the Spirit's teachings in this our day, & we pray unto God, if it be his Will to place his righteous judgments upon the head of the transgressons in them, so that the peace & fellowship with the World & that spirit by which they were acted may be broken, that through judgement they may find mercy & acceptance with God & fellowship with his People.

Signed in behalfe of the Meeting by Willm. Readshaw

At our Meeting the 28th of the 5th Month [July] 1697.

Friends to attend the Monthly Meeting at Mankinholes are Wm. Jackson, & Robt. Arthington.

Agreed that Ben: Hornor do give to Tho: Pawson's wife what moneys he, Richard Armstead, & Wm. Cowell think meet towards her necessity, til the next Month-Meeting.

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The matter of Margaret Lapage is referred to the next preparative Meeting, & if any Friend or friends see, or find any thing upon them to speak to Margaret concerning her disorderly behaviour, that they do it betwixt & the next Monthly Meeting, & signify the same to the Meeting.

The matter of Hannah Liversiege (concerning her being with child, & marrying with a man not of our Society) is left to the Friends that go to the Monthly Meeting, to know the sense of the Month-Meeting in the matter, & report it to us.

The sum of 15s. (given by several Friends to make up a stock to pay for our share of books that come to the Monthly Meeting) is put into the hands of Benjamin Hornor, for the use aforesaid.

Leeds, the 25th of the 6th Month [August] 1697.

Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Rastrick are Stephen Elebeck (senior) & Sam: Crowther.

A Collection being made the 22d of this instant, & amounted to the

sum of: £ 1 : 12s. is this day given to [p. 37] the abovesaid Sam: Crowther, to carry to the Monthly Meeting,[48] & to acquaint them that we are out of purse s. 13 : 06 d.

The matter of Hannah Liversiege that was laid before the last Monthly Meeting being returned back to this Meeting, & upon consideration of the premises, this Meeting judges it not meet for us to give judgement against her, but desires it may be done by the Monthly Meeting themselves, & that Robt. Arthington do write to them to that effect.

The matter of Margaret Lapage is referr'd to the next Preparative Meeting.

That Wm. Cowell, John Cowell & Stephen Elebeck go to Robert Spencer to discourse the matter betwixt him & Henery Ewbank, & Hen: to go with them (if he pleaseth) & to give an account to our next Preparative Meeting.

Forasmuch as Hannah Liversiege of Hunslet hath for severall years by gone frequented the Meetings of the People of God called Quakers, & hath made profession with them & hath been called by that name & hath been accounted as one of them, but since her husband Joseph Liversiege died, & she became widow, for want of takeing due & true watchfullness she hath waxed wanton, & suffered a neighbour to keep company with her, to the great dissatisfaction of Friends of that Society [p. 38] belonging Leeds Meeting, therefore wee, the said People did at severall times in true love speak to her, the said Hannah, & did reprove her, both in private & in publick (as is upon record in our Meeting Booke) for keeping company with an unbeliever contrary to the commands of Jesus Christ, & contrary to the practice of the People of God both in the old & new Testament, & allso contrary to our practice in this our day, & when Friends in true Love did admonish her to deny his company (because it was not a thing of good report, but scandalous, & not becomeing her, nor any of the said People to have fellowship with unbelievers) she then promised that for time to come she would deny his company, & have no more to do with him.
But now of late, (to her great shame, & disgrace, & to the reproache of her profession) she hath rejected, & denyed the counsell that Friends gave her, & acted very wickedly, & done despite to the Spirit of Grace, First, by keeping company with an unbeliever, & Secondly, by comitting whoredom with him. Therefore, we the said People in good conscience can do no less, than in faithfullness bear our Testimonys against her, & all her wicked actions, & ungodly proceedings, & deny her society, & fellowship with us, & desire, that God by his righteous judgements may so deal with her, that (if it stand with his Glory) she may find a place of repentance, for, we know, that marriage is honourable, & the Body undefiled, but whoremongers, & adulterers our [p. 39] God will judge.

From our Monthly Meeting belonging Brighouse, the 27th of the 6th Month 1697[49]

signd in the behalfe of the Meeting by

Stephen Elebeck	Christiane Hornor
Thomas Greene	Martha Coulin
Richard Hanson	Deborah Winn
James Greaves	Patience Greene
Richard Armstead	Martha Sutcliffe
Robert Coulin	
John Winn	
Thomas Musgreave	
John Elam	

[p. 40] Leeds. the 15th of 7th Month [September] 1697.

Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Thomas Green's are Joshua North, & Benjamin Hornor.

The matter of Margaret Lapage is again referred to the next preparative Meeting.

William Cowell & Stephen Elebeck haveing given account to this Meeting that they have spoke with Robert Spencer concerning the matter of Henery Ewbank (Henery being with them) the said Robert Spencer declared the matter unto them, & allso told them that he had forgiven Henery, & desired that Friends would do the same; but upon our consideration of the vileness of the thing, & the scandal it may bring to the Truth, Henery is desired to take the shame to himselfe, & clear the Truth thereof in writeing, & bring the same to our next preparative Meeting.

It is thought fit, & agreed, that our Week-Days-Meetings begin at the first hour in the afternoon, & its desired that Friends observe the hour (abovesaid) as near as possible.

[p. 41] Leeds. 29th of the 8th Month [October] 1697.

Daniell Langstaff & Robert Eastburn appointed to go to the monthly Meeting at Robt. Cowling's house.

This Meeting considering & examining the matter of Henery Ewbank, & expected a writeing under Henery's hand, but nothing comeing, this Meeting appoints a Minute to be made of it, & to signify that they

[48] See Q1, 80.
[49] See Q1, 80.

expect & desire he fail not to bring in such a Paper to the next preparative Meeting, & that Richard Armstead & Robt. Arthington speak to him, & shew him the Minute & bring his answer.

The matter of Margaret Lapage (which is referr'd from Meeting to Meeting) is the incouragement & justifying of the marriage of Jno. Geldard & Eliz: daughter of the said Margaret with persons that are not of our society & judgement. & Friends haveing had some discourse with the said Margaret about the matter do find her harsh, rough & heady, & rather seems to justify those practices than condemn them, which carriages & speeches we cannot bear withall; & therefore this Meeting doth order Will. Cowell & Robt. Arthington to go to the said Margaret, & know whether she will condemne herselfe for the above-said; & that she, or they bring her answer to the next preparative Meeting, that Friends may proceed according to Truth's Order.

The matter of Tabitha Jowet's necessity is desired to be laid before the Monthly Meeting, & that Will. Readshaw write a few lines in behalfe of this Meeting, & give to the representatives to carry to the Meeting.[50]

[p. 42] Leeds. 24th of 9th Month [November] 1697.

William Cowell & Bryan Sheffield appointed to go to the Monthly Meeting at Hallyfax.

Henry Ewbank haveing sent a paper to this Meeting of his own condemnation, it is ordered that the same be entered in this Book.

Margaret Lapage haveing this day appeared again in our Meeting (after her former manner) in much roughness & reflections upon Friends, by which as well as other her practices her spirit is discerned, therefore it is ordered by this Meeting that a paper be drawn & entered, shewing our disunity with that spirit, & her, whilst she is in unity therewith.

That some way be sought for a Settlement for Tabitha Jowet where she may do something towards a livelyhood.

Dear Friends!

These lines are to let you know that I am as willing to signify to you as well by writeing as by word amongst the Lord's people that I did wrong, both in the sight of the Lord & his people as well as to my own poor Soul in bidding or ordering my Man to remove two Cocks of Hay out of the parcell I sould to Robert Spencer if he could not carry it all at so many loads, for which I have suffered the reproof of the Lord God allmighty, & born his displeasure with sorrow to my poor Soul; but thorough his great Mercy, & his everlasting lovingkindness hath pleased to pass it by [p. 43] & given me to tast again of his wonted kindness, & sweet incomes of his love to my soule, for which my Soul

& Spirit doth forever bless & praise his holy Name; for it was my neglect in not keeping close to the Lord on my watch, & to the measure of his Grace which gave the Enemy advantage against me; but I hope it may be for the better hereafter, that I may never do the like again; 'tho Robert Spencer had no loss at all, for I suppose that they were so litle or so sleightly removed that they took them up at the next load: So I wish that all Friends as well as my selfe may be carefull to keep diligently upon their watch, as we are often taught, & advised to, that none may ever be overcome by the Enemy to offend the Lord in any case, is the desire of my Soul.

Henery Ewbank

Leeds 22d : Xth : mo: [December] 1697

Friends appoynted for the Mo: Meeting at Hallyfax is John Cowell & Benja: Hornor.

	£	s	d
A collection made for the use of the Quarterly Meeting is	1 :	13 :	0

was sent to the Month Meeting by Benja: Hornor.[51]

Having under our consitheration the condition of Tabi: Jawett, 5s. was sent her by James Pearson, who, with Stephen Elbeck & Josa: North is desired to discorce her, in order that a way may be found oute for a Settlement in some way, for a livelyhood, & to desire her to be at our next preparitive Meeting.

John Cowell [is] desired to speake to Tho: Pawson aboute looking to the Meeting house doore to keep out Rude boys & to keep in boys & girls, & to desire him to be at our next preparitive Meeting.

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From our Women's Month-Meeting at Burton the 11th of the 9th Month 1697. Whereas Sarah Leedom hath for some time of late resided at Barnsley, & did frequent our Meetings & made profession of the like precious faith with us the people of God called Quakers, but she being unfaithfull & disobedient to that divine principle which is onely able to preserve out of all enormitys, she hath of late married a man that is not of our community, & that after the way & manner of the national Priests (who have had a large share in persecuteing our Bretheren) These are therefore to certify whom it may concern that we the People aforesaid do testify & declare that we have no unity with the said Sarah in this her marriage, nor can we look upon her as one of us, until it please the

[50] £1 received from M.M. (Q1, 81; 29 Oct 1698).
[51] See Q1, 82.

Lord to renew her by repentance, & restore her by amendment of life, which is the earnest desire of us

Mary Woodhouse
Mary Coward
Rebeckah Smith
Alice Hill
Elizabeth Silvester
Mary Buck
Martha Harryson
Sarah Milner
Martha Crooke
Ann Webster
Elizabeth Webster.

These
To our Women Friends of
Brighouse Month Meeting, to
be communicated to the said Sarah
if they see convenient.

[*in another hand:*]
was sent her

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Whereas Margaret Lapage haveing frequented the Meetings of the People of God calld Quakers (at Leeds) & made profession of the like precious Faith & Light of Christ manifested in the conscience, who for want of takeing due heed thereunto the spirit of the World became predominant, insomuch that now of late she hath appeared in a boisterous manner in vindicateing the marriage of John Geldard with an unbeliever & given more way to the marriage of her own daughter with one of the World than was consistent with the Truth, & when being dealt with by Friends did from time to time give such abusive language as did fully demonstrate the spirit she was of, Therefore we the said People do find it our duty to give our Testimony against that spirit the said practices, & her whilst she remains in unity therewith; yet that the Lord (if it be his Will) may bring her through judgement to amendment of life is the desire of us

Stephen Elbeck
Joshua North
Brian Sheffield
Rich: Kendall
Joshua Barber
Benjamin Hornor
Wm. Jackson
James Pierson
William Readshaw
John Cowell
William Cowell

[*in another hand:*]
was sent her[52]

[p. 46] Leeds the 26: 11th Month [January] 1697
Friends ordered for the Month Meetting at Jos: Laycocks is Richard Armistead and Joshua Barber.

Thomas Pawson appearing at this Meetting according to Friends desire doth declare his willingness in lookeing to the Meetting house door, to keep out Rude boyes, and also to be very mindfull that lads & lasses keep their seats, and not with going in & out molest the Meetting as formerly, without extreordinary occasion.

The matter of Tabitha Jowitt being further considered, she not appearing, is refered to the next Meetting, wher she is desired to appear.

A letter of Abr: Morrise being received in the behalfe of Hannah Ashton was read in this Meetting & agreed a Collection be made assoon as Friends may se convenient in our Particular Meetting.

Leeds 23th of the 12th Mo: [February] 97

Memo. that Rob: Arthington & Rob: Peart looke after the money bestow upon Tabitha Jowitt by London Friends & also about a settlement for her if she require it and give an account to the next Preparitive Meetting.

The matter of Hannah Ashton concerning a Collection to be made for her was done the 13th of the 12th Mo. 1697 within Leeds Meetting & the summe of 3 1. was Collected & John Gott & Tho: Benson are to let the Monthly Meetting know what is Collected in this Meetting, & to know whether the Mo: Meetting be willing to make an addition to it yea or nay £ 3

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John Gott and Thomas Benson are to attend the next Mo: Meetting at Hallifax the 25th of this 12th Month: 97.

Willm. Cowell & Richard Armistead reported to this Meetting that upon hearing of severall miscarriages of Jonathan Merye, (viz) of his being overcome with strong drinke & other miscariages, they did speake to him, upon which he confessed to what was charged against him, and desired to have some more time allowed before Friends did proceed against him in truths order, and he hoped in a litle time to amend what was amiss, since which time we hear he has[53] gone from his wife indebted to severall persons to the dishonour of truth, and doth continue in his [*word illegible*] excess.

At our Meetting at Leeds the 23 of the 1st Mo: [March] 98

John Sikes & Benj. Ledger to attend the next Mo: Meetting at Thomas Greens the 25 of this instant Month.

[52] This paper may well be the one noted in the M.M. minute of 21 June 1699: 'In as much as Emmll. Lapage presented to this meeting a paper relateing to his mother Mar: Lappage, tis the sence of this Monthly Meeting that she has carried herself before Leeds meeting unchristianly, & that the paper is regular, & till such time as she give satisfaction to friends of her repentance & amendment the said paper ought to be continued.' (Q1, 95).

[53] Written *his*.

A Collection made the 20 of this present Mo: £ s. d.
which 1 – 12 + 6[54]
and sent to the Meetting by the abovesaid persons.

At the delivery of the Collection the matter of Hannah Ashton is to be laid before the Monthly Meetting to know what they please to send to the Collection by us formerly made for her which is not sent till we know what the Mo. Meeting doth send.[55]

To let the Mo: Me: know that we are 18s. out of purse to our poor and if Friends at Mo: Meetting desire an account of the particulars of the payments we shall upon ther order give it.

Benj. Ledger to let Tabitha Jowitt know that Friends are willing to pay Willm. Birkby or any honest man a dayes wages to help her to remove.

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The matter of Jonathan Merry comeing before this Meetting and by what account is given of him in his miscariages, this Meeting might justly denie him for one of our society if he were here present to make his defence for himselfe, & till he appear to cler himselfe they place judgment upon him for such actions.

Ordered that Rob: Ardington, James Pearson, Steph. Elbeck, Willm. Cowel, Benj. Ledger, Rich. Armisted, Jos. Barber, John Barlow, Stephen Elbeck, Rob: Ardington,[56] Will. Jackson & John Sykes to inspect Benj. Horner accounts.

Leeds the 27th 2d Mo. [April] 1698

Friends ordered to attend the Moneth Meetting at Rob. Cowlings is Robert Ardington & Willm. Jackson.

Friends haveing under their consideration the money that is lade out for repairing the Meetting house, it is agreed upon that a Collection be made in the particular Meetting, and the same brought to the next preparitive Meetting, & Brian Sheafield & Benj: Horner to bring the account of the charg to the said Meetting in order the same may be defrayed.

Leeds the 25th 3d Mo [May] 1698

Friends ordered to attend the Mo. Me. at Jos: Laycocks is Stephen Elbeck & Sam: Crowder.

A Collection made the 22d instant & sent to the Mo. Meetting by the abovesaid persons is the summe of £1 — 16s.

[p. 49] The 25th of the 3d Mo. 1698.

This day Willm. Cundall of Morley appearing at our Meetting at Leeds acquainted Friends of this Meetting of his desire of putting his son Willm. an aprentice to John Sykes to the trade of searge weaver, and upon mature deliberation of the matter, Friends do agree to give to John Sykes 35s. for the clothing of the said boy, and 8 years service & John Sykes to give to the said apprentice two good sufficient suites of apparrell, one for worke dayes and the other a suite to go abroad in. This is done in charity to the poor child, and not to Willm. Cundall as one of our society, he haveing hitherto refussed our advice in severall weighty matters.

Memorandum that Willm. Cundall the same day gave his consent that his son shall be an apprentice for the tearm of 8 years.

Leeds 22d of 4th Mo: [June] 1698

The Monthly Meetting falling at Leeds, no occasion for ordering any to attend.

Morley

According to the agreement at the last Preparitive Meetting 35s. was paid by Richard Armistead to John Sikes upon the account of his takeing Willm. Cundall sonn Willm. apprentice.

Gildersom

Willm. Booth appearing at this Meetting gives an account that it is his & his wife intention to remove to Wackfield, and did desire a certificate from Friends of this Meetting, which is here after written —

[p. 50] Leeds 22d 4th Mo: 98 Gildersom

From our Preparitive Meetting to Friends of Wakfield Meetting, These,

Whereas Willm. Booth of Gilderson a Friend belonging our Meetting hath severall times acquainted Friends that it is his & his wife intention to remove to Wakfield to dwell, & desired a certificate from us of our unitie with him & his wife,

Upon consideration wherof we certifie you that we know nothing to them but that they have been laborous people in their place & of good report amongst their neighbourhood, & have been & is in unitie with Friends of this Meetting, and for removeing we have given them our advice, and left them to their libertie to stay or go.

Signed in the behalfe of the said Meetting,
by

Josuah Barber
Willm. Readshaw
Benja: Hornor

[54] See Q1, 84.

[55] 'Received for Hannah Ashton of Lincoln 20s.' (Q1, 84; 25 March 1698).

[56] Robert Arthington's name deleted.

Leeds the 27th 5th mo: [July] 1698.

Friends appoynted to attend the Month: Meeting at Manking holes is Joshua North & Stephen Elbeck.

Gildersom

Friends having received a letter from Walkfield meeting intimating that the Certificate given to Wm. Booth by this Meeting is not satisfaction to them; therefore the Meeting doth order a coppy of the said certificate & their letter to be sent to the Month meeting & their advice is desired.

[p. 51] Leeds 1698

4th mo.

	£ s. d.
Collected for Reparing of the Meeting House	1 : 17 : 9
an account of the Disbursments of the above said money	£ s. d.
For Moss	0 : 2 : 10
To David Steade: for lime & haire & his men working	1 : 2 : 5
To Wm. Burkby for wreete work	0 : 3 : 6
To Bryan Sheafield which he has paid for drinking, wood latts & nales &c.	0 : 9 : 0
	£ 1 : 17 : 9

Leeds Meeting 24th 6 mo: [August] 1698

Friends appoynted to attend the Mo: Meeting at Josa Laycocks is Robert Eastburn & Jno. North.

It is desired by friends of this Meeting that such Friends as is ordered to attend the Mo: Meeting be one or both of them present at the preparitive Meeting before & next after the Monthly Meeting.

Holbeck

William Cowell & Richd. Armistead giving account to this meeting that Danll. Langstaf hath marryed a wife with a priest contrary to the good order of Friends, therefore it is ordred that the same be lade before the Month meeting, he having beene fore cawtioned abute the same.

The matter of Martha Thornton; mariage with a priest being lade before this meeting, Deborah Jackson & Hanna Hulley is desired to discorce her about the same, & give their sence aboute her at the next preparitive meeting.

Ordred that Josa: North bring the paper sent from the Mo: Meeting to Wm. Booth, that the same may be entred in this booke.

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Coppy of a leetter sent from the mo: meeting to Wm: Booth of Gildersom.

From our mo: meeting at Mankingholes
the 29th of 5th mo. 1698.

Friend Wm. Booth

Thy intention of removing from Leeds to Walkfield was this day laide before us, as also the certificate (Leeds friends hath given) with the which seems not to satisfie Friends where thou art removing to. Therefore matters being made plaine to us on all hands, it is our sence, & wee desire the & thy wife to be content to settle down where you are, believing it will be better for you every way.

Signed by the order & on the behalfe of the Meeting
by Joshua Fielden

Leeds the 28th 7th mo: [September] 1698

Friends appoynted to attend the Monthly meeting at Thos. Greens is Wm. Cowell & Bryan Sheafield.

Holbeck

The matter of Danll. Langstaf [his] marriage with a priest being lade before the last Monthly meeting & being desired by them, that Leeds friends should againe speake to him. Therefore this meeting doth appoynt Stephen Elbeck & James Pearson to acquaint him with Friends intention of giving testamony against his proseedings, soe that if he can give aney reasons to the contrary is desired to be present at our next preparitive Meeting.

[p. 53] Hollbeck

Willm. Cowell having lade before this meeting that having heard of severall miscariages of Jonathan Kendell, Richard Armistead & himselfe did speak to him; & found him very light & reflectious soe that they could have noe unity with him, but upon his mothers request further proseedings is refered to the next preparitive Meeting.

Hannah Hulley gives an account that in persuance of the request of friends at the last preparitive Meeting she speake to Martha Thornton who desires Friends forbearance untill the next preparitive Meeting.

Collected for the Quarterly Meeting in answer to Friends of the Yearly meting at London's request in the said Yearly meeting's paper, & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Wm. Cowell Summ £ 3 : 12s. : 0 d.

Willm: Benson a Member of our meeting having lade before us his intention of marrage with Susana Elam; he is left to his freedom of acquainting the Monthly Meeting.

At Tho: Greene house the 25th 1st mo 1698
It was the sence & judgment of the Meetting & agreed unto by Friends, that any persons haveing had a publick testimony given out against them, for their disorderly actions, and haveing not come to a true repentance for the same, but persisted therin, that when they die, ought not to be laid in Friends buriall place.

[p. 54] Leeds the 2nd 9th Mo. [November] 98
The Friends appointed to attend the Mo. Meetting at Rob: Cowlings is John Cowell & Benj: Horner.

Holbeck
Daniel Langstaff appearing this day at our Meetting, Friends did openly speak to him, concerning the matter afore mentioned & he doth acknowledg the same, so the matter is againe ordered to be laid before the next Monthly Meetting that Friends may proceed against him according as they in the wisdom of god seeth meet.[57]

Holbeck
The matter of Jonathan Kendall being againe discoursed in this Meetting, in order that Friends may be clear of him, James Pearson & Benj: Horner is desired againe to speak to him & give an account to the next Preparitive Meetting.

The matter of Martha Thornton is refered to the next[58] preparitive Meetting.

Woodhouse
Ordered that the necessitie of John Turner be laid before the Month Meetting, who desires a coat of Friends.

Beeston
Tabitha Jewitt desires Friends to assist her in paying her rent who is 25s. in arrear.

[p. 55] Leeds 1698
The 23d 9th month [November]
Friends appoynted to attend the Monthly Meeting at Rastrick is Richard Armistead & Joshua Barber.

Holbeck
According to the order of Friends at the Monthly Meeting a paper of condemnation being drawn was read at this Meeting & aproved of & ordered to be sent to the Month meeting.

Martha Thornton having beene severall times delt with above[59] her misdemeaners afore mentioned, & also desired to apeare at our preparitive

Meetings: but she from time to time neglecting: and it being the sence of this Meeting that she hath not come to true repentance, therefore Wm. Readshaw is desired to draw a paper of condemnation, & bring it to the next preparitive Meeting.

Holbeck

James Pearson giving account to this Meeting that according to Friends request he & Benja: Hornor did goe to Jonathan Kendall & spoake to him; who give them noe satisfaction but appeared very hard, & reflectious; soe this Meeting who having from time to time defered judgment, to try if he would come to true repentance & amendment (but he still persisting in his obstinancy), to the intent that Truth may be cleare, doe order a paper of condemnation to be drawn against him & brought to the next preparitive Meeting.

[p. 56] Leeds 21 of 10th Mo. [December] 98

Friends appointed to attend the Mo. Meetting at Rich. Hansons[60] is John Gott & Thomas Benson.

Robert Arthington haveing severall times laid before Friends that the trust of the Burying Places of Leeds & Morley & the Meetting house doth wholy rest in him & he is desirous to deliver up the same to younger Friends, Therfore this Meetting doth appoynt John Arthington, Benj. Horner, Willm. Benson, Moses Hulley, Samuel Jackson, John Cowell Jnr., John Barlow & Josuah North: as Trustees for the same or any 6 of them. Robert or John Arthington is desired to get the writting drawn at this Meettings charg.

Agreed that Willm. Readshaw & Benj. Horner do draw up the names for such as they thinke convenient to give notice to Friends in unitie with this Meetting to appear at the next preparitive Meetting to give an account of their clearness of paying tythes & to give account of all their births & buryals both entered & not entered.

Forasmuch as Martha Thornton did formerly for severall years bygone frequent the Meettings of us the People of god called Quakers, and might by some be reputed as one of us, but thro her unfaithfullness to the Light and good spirit of god within her, she hath slighted the good counsell & advice given her by Friends both in our publick Meettings, and at other times, and through the familiaritie and friendship with the people of the world, she hath given consent

[57] See Q1, 88 (4 Nov 1698): 'Friends of Leeds meeting order'd write a paper of denyall of Danl. Langstaff, & bring it to next M: M:'.

[58] Month *deleted.*

[59] *i.e.* about.

[60] *Written* Hunsons.

to an unbeleever to marry with him, and so did go to a preist to be joyned togeather, contrary to our principle & practise,
Therefore we the said people can do no less then in good conscience towards god, and for truth & righteousnesse sake, [p. 57] bear our faithfull testimonies against her (and all such disorderly walkers) and against all her unfaithfull proceeding, with what more she may committ in that rebellious & gainsaying nature, and denie her to be of our societie & fellowship till such time as she the said Martha shall come truely and willingly to confess and acknowledg her outgoings, and demonstrate her true and unfeigned repentance, by judging and condemning that spirit that led her so to doe.
And further we do heartily desire if it be the will of god, and may be to his glory, that she may find a place of true repentance, and sorrow for her unfaithfullness to the saveing of her soule, in the day of the Lord

Signed in the behalfe of the said people, By

Willm. Readshaw	Stephen Ilbeck	Mary Cowell
Moses Hulley	Josuah Arthington	Eliz. Merrey
Richard Armistead	Benjamin Horner	Ann Readshaw
John Gott	James Pearson Jnr.	Isabell Fearnley
Thomas Benson	William Benson	Exercise Hulley
Willm. Cowell	John North	Sarah Thirkell
	Willm. Birkby	

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Forasmuch as Daniel Langstaff of Holbeck hath for severall years frequented the Meettings of us the people of god called Quakers and hath had fellowship with us, and hath been reputed as one of us, but of late years he for want of watchfullness, and takeing due heed unto his wayes, hath suffered himselfe to be overcome, by the temptations of the enemie, and by frequenting alehouses hath suffered himselfe to be overcome by takeing excess of strong drinke, to his great shame & disgrace, and to the dishonour of his profession, and the people with whom he had societie and fellowship, so that we the said people being informed of his vaine life & ungodly conversation, severall of us did speak to him, and reprove him for it, and then he did promiss amendment of life, and that he would be more watchfull for time to come, but notwithstanding all the labour & love of Friends, and their tender dealings towards him, he hath done more dispitefully & foolishly, and gone on in disobedience and rebellion, to the light & good spirit of god in him, and hath also denied his former testimony, in going to a priest to take a wife, and we are further informed that she is great with child by fornication. For which things sake we the said people, can do no less then in good conscience towards god, and for truth and righteousness sake, bear our faithfull testimonies against him, (and every brother that walketh disorderly) and against that wicked spirit by the which he were thus acted & led, and do forever judg & condemn the same; and do denie his societie & fellowship with us, till such time as he the said Daniel come truely & willingly

& publickly to give judgment against himselfe, & that wicked & ungodly spirit by which he was so captivated & led.

And we heartily desire if it be the will of god, and may be to his glory, that he may find a place of true repentance, and amendment of life, to the saveing of his soul, in the day of the Lord.

The 21: 10th Mo: 98 signed in the behalfe of the said people, By

Richard Armistead	John Winn	Abraham Jewitt
Thomas Benson	John Cooper	Richard Hanson
John Gott	Thomas Greene	Josuah Laycock
James Graves	John Elam	Willm. Shires
Robert Walker	John Marsland	John Brooke
Richard Holden	Robert Couling	James Bond
[*written sideways in the margin:*]		John Fielden
Note that a coppie of this was sent to the preist of Rodwell[61] by order of the Monthly Meetting		John Marshland

[p. 59] Leeds the 25th 11 Mo: [January] 1698

Friends appoynted to attend the Monthly Meetting at Josuah Laycocks is John Sikes & Benj. Ledger.

A Collection made for the poor the 22d of this month is £1 13s. 6d. sent to the Month Meetting By Benj. Ledger.[62]

According to former order a paper of condemnation being drawn against Jonathan Kendall was read & approved of and ordered to be entred & a copie therof to be sent to him.

Ordered that a copie of Friends account that was at large given about ther clearness of tythes and steeplehouse taxes be sent to the Monthly Meetting.

Wheras Jonathan Kendall of Holbeck hath from his childhood for the most part frequented the Meettings of us the people of god called Quakers (at Leeds) and hath been reputed as one of us, but he for want of true watchfullness, and takeing due heed to the word, or light, and manifestation of the good spirit of god within him, wherby a young man may keep his wayes cleane and know a growth in that which is good, he hath been so far prevailed upon by the adversary of mankind as to be led forth into loosness and liberty of the flesh, as unnessessary frequenting of alehouses & idle company when at vaine sports, as also fashoning himselfe after the vanity of the world, and seeking to women in way of marriage out of our societie, and to the dishonour of god and his blessed

[61] Richard Idle, vicar of Rothwell, 1691–1702; adm. 1682, Sidney Sussex Coll., Cambridge; ordained priest 1689; M.A. 1690; vicar of Chapel Allerton, 1689; later vicar of S. Dalton; m. Abigail, dau. of John Thoresby, 1687. (J. & J. A. Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, Pt. 1, vol. 2 (1922), 446.)

[62] See Q1, 89.

truth, he being delt with from time to time both privately & publickly, and warned of the evill consequences of such things, did stubornly persist slighting our good councell and advice after a rebellious manner. Therefore to the intent that our holy profession may be clear of him & all such practises, and that whatever he the said Jonathan Kendall for the future may act in that disorderly spirit may not be charged upon us, [p. 60] We the said people are in good conscience obliged according to the method & practice of the primitive Christians to judg, condemn, & disown all such practise and proceeding from the spirit of error, and the societie of him the said Jonathan Kendall while he remains in obedience and fellowship with the same. But we heartily desire (if it be the will of god) that he may better consider of his doings, and judg that spirit that doth so captivate him, and that he may find a place of true repentance to the saveing of his soule, in the day of the Lord,

signed in the behalfe of the said people, By

John Cowell	James Pearson	Richard Armistead
Stephen Elbeck	Josuah Barber	Willm. Cowell
Benjamin Horner	Robert Arthington	Willm. Readshaw

[p. 61] Leeds 22: 12th Mo. [February] 98

Friends appoynted to attend the Monthly Meetting at Josuah Laycocks is Rob: Arthington & Willm. Jackson.

Order that the Friends that did not attend the Meetting in order to give account of their sufferings be desired to appear at the next preparitive Meetting & that Hen: Tompson & Josu. North do speake to them.

Benj. Ledger is desired to acquaint Tabitha Jewitt that Friends desired her to be present at the next preparitive Meetting.

The matter of Jonathan Merry being brought to this Meetting it is desired that he have a coppy of the last Minute concerning him, and also be acquainted that Friends doth intend to draw up a more full deniall of him at the next Monthly Meetting & that if he have any just reason to offer to the contrary may appear at the afforesaid Meetting.

Abraham Ledger haveing laid before us his intention of marriage with Ann Walker is left to his freedom of acquainting the Month Meetting.[63]

[p. 62] Leeds 29th 1st Mo: [March] 99

Friends appointed to attend the Mo. Meetting at Tho. Greenes is Stephen Elbeck Sam: Crowder.

Henry Tompson & Josuah North giveing an account to this Meetting that they had spoke to the persons that did not appear to give an account of their sufferings for Tithes and notwithstanding John Holdsworth,

Rob: Walker, Jos: Lupton, Sarah Mettcalfe & John Barker still neglecting to appear as was desired, it is agreed that they be spoke to at first day Meetting about the same.

Beeston
That Tabitha Jewitt nessessitie be referd to the next preparitive Meetting & that Rob: Ardington do discourse her about the same.

According to the agreement of the last preparitive Meetting Richard Armistead & Willm. Readshaw spoke to Jonathan Mery & gave him a coppy of the Minute, but received no satisfaction, so that its agreed that he be denied, but is refered to the next Preparitive Meetting.

Ordered that Benja: Horner do bring his account to the next preparitive Meetting.

[p. 63] Leeds Meeting: 1699: 26th 2d mo: [April]
Friends appynted to attend the Month: Meeting at Robert Cowlings is Joshua North & Stepn: Elbeck Junr.

Ordered that Robt. Arthington, Wm. Readshaw & Joshua Barber doe speake to the persons that neglected to come to the preparitive Meeting, to give account of their clearness of Tyth, at a first day Meeting & bring their answer to the next preparitive Meeting.[64]

Beeston
According to the order at the last preparitive Meeting, Robert Arthington brought the accounts of Tabi: Jawett, which being examined, Friends doth advise that she follow her trade another yeare, & they are willing to pay her rent.

Workley
Stephen Elbeck ofring a paper to this Meeting relating to a marrage[65]

[63] See Q1, 91; M.M. 24 Feb, 31 March 1699.

[64] To be read in connection with the minute of York Q.M. 15 & 16 March 1699: 'It is the sence of this meeting that friends in all places do stand faithfull in their testimonies against steeple house taxes & all other things which the Lord hath raised his people to bear testimony against, & that Friends do not any way connive or by any indirect means pay or sett up one assesment for another with such persons as may be in office for the said steeple houses; but if that Friends be put in office for collecting the Kings taxes, they do collect them on such persons as would stop or sett up one tax for another as they would of other persons, haveing no respect to them upon the account of their being Steeple house Wardens or their pretending their being debtors to them for steeplehouse taxes.' (Q1, 93).
Also, the M.M. minute of 21 June 1699: 'It is the sence of this meeting that when townsmen that asses[s] for the poor, do also joyne the churchwardens charge in their said assesments & so thereby demand both joyntly togather of friends, That in that case Friends doe seek to make a true divission & as god has oppened their understanding that Friends be carefull to bear their testimony accordingly.' (Q1, 94).

[65] See Q1, 92. This marriage took place 2 Oct 1700, eighteen months later.

betwixt Danll. Croasdill & Alice Parker, he being a Member of Bradford meeting; Friends[66] doth order a coppy to be given to Bradford Friends at the Month Meeting & an answer is desired thereto.

This Meeting having againe had under their consideration the misdemeaners of Jonathan Mirry (which hath from time to time beene defered) & finding noe amendment, Wm. Readshaw is desired to draw up a paper of deniall & bring the same to the next preparitive Meeting.

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John Gelders appearing at this meeting desired to give some thing towards the bulding of a Meeting house. But he having formerly marryed one of the World with a priest, and though he seemes now to acknowledge he did wrong in soe doing & desires that others may take warning thereat, yet upon our serious consideration wee doe not find soe trew a remorsas is requisit upon such occation, therefore doe still declare oure disunity with him the said Jno. Gelders whilst he remains unsubjected by gods judgments to the Spiritt of Truth. And it is oure desire if it be the Will of god that he may come to trew repentance, that he may find mercy in the day of the Lord.

Leeds the 24th 3d mo: [May] 1699

Friends appointed to attend the monthly meeting at Joshua Laycocks is Rob: Eastburn & Jno. North.

Farnley
Robert Arthington giving an account that according to the meetings order they spoake to them persons that neglected coming to the Meeting to give account of their clearness aboute Tythe; & their answer being taken it is ordred to be entered in the paper among other Friends account of suffering.

Collections £1 : 13 : 6
A collection made for reliefe of the poore & sent to the Monthly meeting by Rob: Eastburn amounts to £1 : 13s. : 6d.[67]

Benja. Hornor accounts being examined there is found due to him £1 : 10s. : 9d. soe it is agreed that a Collection be made to repay the same betwixt & the next preparitive Meeting.

[p. 65] Leeds 14th 4th Mo. [June] 1699

The Monthly Meetting being by course at Leeds, no occasion for any to be appointed to attend it.

According to the order at a former Preparitive Meetting Willm. Readshaw haveing drawn a paper of condemnation against Jonathan

Mery, it being read in this Meetting was approved of, signed & ordered to be recorded in this booke and a coppy to be sent to him.

The Condition of Alice Bainbridg being laid before this Meetting, Ann Readshaw & Mary Cowell is desired to acquaint her with Friends care about her, & that they assist her accordingly to her nessessity, & this Meetting is willing to discharg the same.[68]

	£	s	d
Leeds 18th 4th Mo: 1699 Collected at our Meeting	1	14	0
paid Benja: Hornor: which he was oute of purs on account of Publick Friends horses &c.	1	10	9½
paid ditto for bookes		3	2½
	£1	14	0

[p. 66] Leeds 14th 4th Month [June] 1699

For as much as Jonathan Merry in Leeds who hath formerly frequented our Meettings, and hath been accounted of our societie, did not walke as becomes our holy profession tending to a blameless life & unspotted conversation according as all the true followers of Jesus Christ ought to do, but gave himselfe up to fulfill his lustfull desire with strong drinke, and sometimes frequenting with vaine and loose persons to his great shame & disgrace, and to the spending and wasting of what should have been to help his wife & children. And after severall Friends had councilled & advised him for several years, and no amendment being found in him, judgment was passed against him. And after that he seemingly did acknowledg his miscarriages and promissed amendment of life for time to come, as is to be seen at larg in this booke signed with his own hand. But because he still goeth on in his vaine life & conversation and slightes the good councill & advice given to him by Friends, Therfore in good conscience towards god and his blessed truth we can do no less but denie his societie with us, with whatsoever things he may further do contrary to our holy profession,

And we do heartily desire if it be the will of god, and may be to his glory that he may find a place of true & unfeigned repentance to the saveing of his soul in the day of the Lord,

signed in the behalfe of the Meetting By

James Pierson	Benjamin Hornor
Willm. Readshaw	Willm. Pycock
Willm. Cowell	Josuah North
Richard Armistead	Josuah Arthington
Stephen Elbeck	Timothy Brogdon
Josuah Barber	Samuel Jackson

[66] Reading obscure; perhaps 'this' [*i.e.* this Meeting] written over another word.

[67] See Q1, 93.

[68] See Q1, 95. M.M. (28 July 1699) referred the matter of assistance or not 'in her intended journey' to Leeds Friends, 'with a caution not to give her a certificate'.

[p. 67] Leeds the 26th 5th mo: [July] 1699

Friends ordred to attend the Monthly Meeting at Mankingholes is Bryan Sheafield & Wm. Cowell.

Ordred at this meeting that Richd. Armistead & Benja: Hornor doe speake to Alice Bainbridge; & acquaint her that Friends thinks it more proper that shee goe by water to London; fearing that shee cannot be able to endure a land jurney.

Is also = Agreed that her condition be lade before the Monthly Meeting in order that shee may have some assistance.[69]

[p. 68] 1699 Burgus de Leeds

Coppie of a Certificate from the Sessions[70]

At the generall Quarter Sessions of the peace held at Leeds for the Burrough aforesaid the 12th day of July in the Eleaventh Yeare of his Majesties Reigne before Caleb Asquith Major, Jasper Blithman Esquire Recorder, Tho: Dixon, Wm. Rooke, Joshua Ibbeson & others their Associates his Majesties Justices of the peace within the Burrough aforesaid.

Information being given to this Court by the people called Quakers that they intend to keepe their Meetings in the following houses (viz.) a new Meeting house, the house of Richd. Armistead, the house of Benjamin Hornor, the house of Wm. Pycock in Leeds in the burrough aforesaid, & in the house of Josa: North in Workley in the said Borrough, & have desired that the same may be recorded by this Court; This Court therefore (in pursuance of an Act of Perlament in that behalf lately made & appointed) hath recorded the above mentioned houses & places for the aforesaid people called Quakers to meete in, & doe permit & alow the same.

pro cur. C. Morris Clericus pacis

[p. 69] Leeds the 23d: 6th mo: [August] 1699

Friends appoynted to attend the Monthly Meeting at Joshua Laycocks is Jno. Cowell & Benja: Hornor.

Beeston

This meeting being acquainted that Mary Harryson of Beeston having acquainted some of the towns people that they ought not (or neede not) mantain Hannah Jawett by reason that shee was not sprinkled at their fount: Therefore it is ordred that Tho: Benson doe acquaint her that Friends desires her to appeare at the next preparitive Meeting.

Friends having under their consitheration the service of an Evening meeting at Leeds, doe agree that the same be appoynted at the next first days meeting, first at Benja: Hornors, 2d at Richd. Armisteads & 3d at Wm. Pycocks; to geather at the 5th houre: & soe by course.

Farnley Armley Workley &c.
And likewise friends of workley Armley & Farnley &c. is left to their freedom in appoynting an evening Meeting, amongst them selves as they see meete, according to the good order of Truth.

Leeds the 20th 7th mo. [September] 1699

Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Thomas Greenes is Richd. Armistead & Joshua Barber.

A collection made for reliefe of the poore at our first days Meeting, & sent to the Month Meeting by Rich: Armistead amounts to £1 : 17 : -.[71]

[p. 70] Beeston[72]

Mary Harryson wife of Jno. Harryson of Beeston having declared to severall persons, that Hannah Jawett daughter of Richd: Jawet, a young woman who hath taken such courses in the conduct of her life as is contrary to the good order of truth; for which she was denied to be of our Socsiaty; but she falling sick the said Mary Harryson gave it oute that Tabitha Jawett ought to mantain the said woman, though shee herselfe was mantaned by Friends — being she was not sprinkled. The said Mary being this day at this Meeting did owne that shee spoake those words & tho by severall Friends was requested to owne that shee hath spoken such words as was out of the Truth, but refusing to answer friends in the said request; therefore for these words Friends places judgment upon her, till shee owne in reality her miscarrages.

Leeds the 25th 8 mo. [October] 1699

Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Robert Cowlings is Jno. Gott & Thomas Benson.

Leeds the 22d 9th mo: [November] 1699

Friends appoynted to attend the Month Meeting at Rasterick is Jno. Sykes & Benja: Ledger, who both appeared here.

Friends that was at the last Monthly Meeting, both appearing at this

[69] Leeds Friends paid Alice Bainbrigge 20s. towards the charge of her journey to London (Q1, 96; 26 Aug 1699); the sum was reimbursed (Q1, 97; 22 Sept 1699).

[70] See V28/4 for a copy of the document. On the bench were Caleb Askwith (mayor 1698–99), Jasper Blythman (recorder 1692–1707), Thomas Dixon (mayor 1671–72, 1693–94), William Rooke (mayor 1683–84, 1713–14), Joshua Ibbetson (mayor 1684, 1685–86); see Wardell, clivclv, clviii; Court Books of the Leeds Corporation. Document signed by Castilian Morris (town clerk, 1684–1702; d. 1702).

[71] See Q1, 97.

[72] Entry preceded by a marginal note, apparently reading: minet writ by R Art:

Meeting, give an account that there was nothing to offer from the Mo: meeting.

Lent Sarah Elam G: F Battle doore.

[p. 71] Leeds the 20th X mo: [December] 1699

Friends appoynted to attend the Mo: Meeting at Brighouse is Wm. Pycock & Wm. Benson of Churwell, both appearing.

Upon the 17th Inst: collected for the service of the Quarterly Meeting & sent to the mo: meeting [by?] Benja: Hornor the sum of £ 2 : 8s. : 6d.[73]

Henry Thompson, Josa: Barber & Robt. Arthington is desired to speake to the friends that neglected appearing (at both the last & this preparitive Meeting) to give in their testimony & account of sufring aboute Tyth, & to bring ther answer to the next preparitive Meeting.[74]

Ordered that Thomas Pawson be spoake to: to dress the Meeting house & looke to the doores; & be paid for the same at the charge of this Meeting.[75]

Benja: Hornor laing before this Meeting his intentions of altering some part of his trade: & keeping Walkfield Markett with cloth; Robt. Arthington & Rich: Armistead is ordered to discorce him aboute the same, & give advise & consent according as they find the matter.

Agreed that money be borrowed at Intrest to pay of the workmens wages (for meetinghouse) & that Robt. Arthington, Wm. Jackson & Benja: Hornor doe engage for it in behalf of this Meeting; which is to indemnifie them.

[p. 72] Leeds the 24th XI mo: [January] 1699

Friends appoynted to attend the Monthly Meeting at Joshua Laycocks is Richd. Armistead & Henry Thompson, both appearing.

Tyths

The matter of Jno: Holdsworth, Jno. Barker, Robt. Walker, Joseph Lupton & Sarah Mettcalf, not appearing to give an account of Tyth; is refered to the next preparitive Meeting & they desired to appeare & the persons formerly ordred to speake to them is desired to speake to them againe.

Robt. Arthington & Richd. Armistead give account that they discorsed Benja: Hornor (according to the order at the last preparitive Meeting & have received satisfaction aboute his altering part of his trade as formerly mentiond, soe have given consent that he should go on with the same.

Ordred that Wm. Cowell & Richd. Armistead desire Isaac Webster to

appear at the next preparitive Meeting to answer to the matter of entring suite against Richd. Kendell.

Ordred the representitives doe speake ye Mo: Meeting aboute repaing the money that Robt. Arthington hath paid for Tabitha Jawett rent according to agreement at a former Mo: Meeting, Robt. being 25s. oute of purs.[76]

Marrags births & burials
Agreed that Friends doe take care to bring an account of marrages births & burialls to the first preparitive Meeting after aney such happen, and that they be calld for at every preparitive Meeting.

[p. 73] Leeds 21 12th Month [February] 1699
Friends appointed to attend the Mo: Meetting at Jos. Laycock is Richard Armisted & Benj. Hornor, both appearing.

A Collection for the poor & sent to the Monthly Meetting by Benj. Hornor is £ 1 — 16s. — 0d.[77]

Tyth
Friends yet desired to appear that gave not account concerning tythes and steplehouses taxes. John Holdsworth onely appearing, who is found not clear but advised for the future to be more carefull.

Thomas Becket appeared at the Meetting, was examined and advised.

Hilhouse banck
Isaak Webster appearing at this Meetting was discoursed by Friends concerning his going to law with Richard Kendall, and we not finding him, nor beleeveing him under Astate of repentance for the same, and being a matter not agreeable or consistant with our holy profession, we can do no less then in good conscience disown all such proceeding and practises, and the said Isaac Webster whilst he remaines in that gainsaying and disobedient spirit.

Morley
A letter was sent from Ireland by Friends, and read in this Meetting desireing an account how Alice Thackerry with her son and daughter Ruth Thackerry left things when they went for Ireland, and of their deportment & behaviour whilst amongst us. Willm. Readshaw & Benj.

[73] See Q1, 99.
[74] Leeds sufferings reported to M.M. 22 Dec 1699 (Q1, 99).
[75] Thomas Pawson received relief from M.M. at intervals (*e.g.* 22 Dec 1699; Q1, 99).
[76] M.M. refunded £1 5s. (22 Feb 1700; Q1, 101).
[77] See Q1, 101.

Hornor is desired to inform themselves as well as they can, and writ a letter to Friends in Ireland for their satisfaction.

Workley
Josuah North published his intention of marriage with Eliz. Walker a Member of Brighouse Meetting, and he is left to his freedom of publishing the same in the Monthly Meetting when he in the wisdom of god doth se convenient.[78]

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Be it remembred that upon the first day of the first Month 1698/9 Friends at Leeds did subscribe towards the building of a New Meetting house and the subscribed Names as followeth —

	£	s.
Rob: Arthington & his sons	15	0
Rich. Kendall	5	
Willm. Jackson	5	
Benj. Hornor	6	
Rich. Armistead	5	
Willm. Cowell	4	
Willm. Readshaw	5	
Stephen Elbeck senr.	5	
Robert Peart	5	
Benj. Ledger	4	
Rob: Rayner	2	10
Moses Hulley	5	
Mary Barlow	5	
John Sikes		
Samuel Crowther	3	
Willm. Benson Jnr.	3	
Thomas Benson	2	
John Scott	2	
Willm. Benson	0	10
John Barlow	5	
Josuah North	3	
	90	0 0

	£	s.
John North	2	
John Smith	3	
John Holdsworth	2	
Robert Walker	0	10
Timothy Brogdon	4	
Willm. Wilson	1	
Abraham Ledger	1	
Bryan Shefield	1	
Henry Fearnley	0	
Willm. Birkby	0	10
James Pearson	1	
John Gott	1	
Willm. Dickinson	2	
Joseph Westerman	0	5
Eliz. Wilson	0	10
Mary Kendall	0	10
Sarah Thirkill	1	
Tabitha Wailes	2	10
Robert Eastburn	1	
	24	15 0

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	£ s. d.		£ s.
John Cowell	2	Josuah Barber	0 10
Willm. Thackery	1 10	Zach. Hopkin	0 5
Thomas Sikes	0 10	Willm. Jackson prentis to W: Jackson	0 5
Henry Tompson	1	[*illegible*][79]	
John Musgreave	0 2 6	Samuel Dickinson	3
Dorithy Scott	1	Mary Tompson	1
Rob: Harrison	0 10	Sarah Jackson	0 5
Georg Hornor	0 5	Miles Walker	5
Jonas Wood	0 10	Willm. Pycock	3
Eliz. Pott	0 5	Stephen Elbeck Jnr.	3
Georg North	0 5	John Armitage	0 10
Henry Tompson Jnr.	0 5	Emanuall Lapidg	2
John Cooke	0 5	Willm. Wilson	0 10
	8 7 6		19 5 0

90 0 0
24 15 0
8 7 6
19 5 0 142 7 6

Be it allso remembred that ther is 21 new forms and one stoole, and 14 old forms belonging to the Meetting house, besides those that are fixed round about the Meetting house & in the gallery, and also 2 chars and one table, in the chamber, & one ladder.

The first Meetting that was in it was upon the 24th 7th mo. 1699, before it was finished, the same day Moses Hulley was buryed, the same year the River Ayre was begun to be made navigable. Witness Willm. Readshaw 141 — 17 — 6

[p. 76] To the Menns Meeting at Dublin These

Deare Friends

These with sallutation of our deare love to you, with all faithfull friends in your parts, desiring your welfaire in the blessed truth, by which wee as members of one body, are coe workers togeather through Xt Jesus our heavenly Lord, to the building up of one another in the holy faith & the propogation of blessed truth, wherein we have unity & fellowship with you in your Christian care for the good order of the same.

[78] See Q1, 102, 103, 105.

[79] The illegible deleted line appears to have read: Samuel Ingram 0 10 .

Yours of 3d 12th mo. 1699 wee received, wherein you desire us to give you an account of the demeanour of Alice Thackery, with her son & daughter Benja: & Ruth Thackery. For answer there-of take as followeth, Alice Thackery or Squire, for soe was her late husbands name, wee understand was convinced of the Truth early with her then husband Tho. Thackery & entertaned Friends Meetings at their house, but the said Tho: dying, she kept company with a lose fellow named Squire, & marryed him withoute Friends concent; being as we understand delt with upon that account, but being early noe record is to be found of aney deniall, but she declined coming to meetings for most part, & her husband not at all, soe that wee did not take notice of her as a Friend. But her children came amongst us, & as to Benja. & Ruth, they frequented our Meetings & having nothing against them they might probaly have had a sertificate, if they had desired one, for upon our enquiry doe not find but that they are cleare of entanglements on the account of mariage & debts. Soe with the remembrance of our deare Love in the Truth, we rest Your Friends In Sensirity

Signed in the behalf of our preparitive Meeting held at Leeds the 27th of 1st mo: 1700

Stephen Elbeck
Robt. Arthington

[p. 77] Leeds 27th 1st Month [March] 1700

Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meetting at Thomas Greens is Robert Arthington and Willm. Jackson.

Ouledtown

Ordered that Willm. Cowell, Richard Armistead, & Josuah Barber do go to speake to Joseph Lupton, Robert Walker & Sarah Metcalfe and know their reasons why they come not up to the preparitive Meetting according as it was requested of Friends to give an account of their clearness about tyth.

Odered that Benj. Horner do bring his account to the next preparitive Meetting.

Odered that Abraham Ledger have 6s. 6d. per annum for the use of his stable when Friends comes to the Meetting from the first day of the 9th Month 1699.

Meeting gathring

Agreed that this Meetting do all assemble themselves about halfe an hour past the tenth hour in the forenoone on the first dayes.

Hilhouse banck Isaack Webster

Isaac Webster appeared at this Meetting being sencible of his disunion with Friends about commenceing a suite against Richard Kendall[80] & some other of his misbehaviour and conversation. This Meetting doth

declare that their unitie with him for time to come will be by his more carefull and circumspect walking for time to come as becomes the truth which he makes profession of.

[p. 78] Leeds the 24th 2d Mo. [April] 1700
Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meetting at Robert Cowlings is Stephen Elbeck & Samuel Crowther.

Oulton
Richard Armistead giveing account to this Meetting that according to Friends request they went to Oulton and spoke to the persons formerly mentioned about tyth and doth not find that they are guilty of paying any preists wages or tythes, and that they advised them for the future to appear amongst other Friends to give their account.
And also that Joseph Lupton & Sarah Metcalfes families doth some of them make lase & that they have advised them to forbear, makeing the same. Joseph Lupton seemed willing to comply with them, but Sarah Metcalfe being not willing to forbear, Robert Arthington, John Cowell & Henry Tompson is desired or any 2 of them to speake her & bring account to the next preparitive Meetting.

Agreed that Benj: Hornor do pay 40s. for the future per annum for the burying close.

[p. 79] Leeds preparitive Meeting the 29th 3d Mo. [May] 1700
Friends appoynted to attend the Monthly Meeting at Joshua Laycocks is Joshua North & Stephen Elbeck Junr.

Oulton
Robert Arthington giving account that they have not yett spoake to Sarah Metcalf, being prevented by some business, desires time untill the next preparitive Meeting.

Margrett Lapage having sent a paper to this Meeting (as also spoake to some Friends) demonstrating her truble & exersize for her un Christian behaviour, as in the paper of judgment is mentiond, & desiring to be in unity with god & his people. Soe it is agreed that the said paper be received & entred, desiring that if it please the Lord to prolong her life shee may be more wachfull against the enimie of soules in all his appearances, that her life & conversation may truly demonstrate a penitent hart & a mind renued, which will bring her more & more into unity with faithfull Friends.

[80] Legal proceedings perhaps reflected in the M.M. minute of 17 June 1700 (Q1, 106): 'Richd. Kendall of Leeds Meeting desires the advise of the Quarterly Meeting concerning the coppy of his commitment.'

Farnley
Robt. Arthington having declared his desires of a Generall Meeting at Farnley for severall Meetings, it is agreed that the same be lade before the Monthly Meeting.[81]

Ordred that Rob: Arthington, Step: Elbeck, Wm. Cowell, Jos: Barber, James Pearson, Richd. Armistead & Miles Walker doe peruse a paper writt by Wm. Readshaw.

[p. 80] Leeds Preparative Meeting 12th 4th mo: [June] 1700
Friends appoynted to attend the Monthly Meeting at Leeds is Robt. Arthington & Benja: Hornor; both appearing.

Leeds mo: m:
It is agreed at this Meeting that when the Month Meeting falls to be at Leeds; that 2 other be appoynted to attend & not them 2 that falls by corce; but that they may attend when its oute of town.

Oulton
Rob: Arthington, Henry Thompson & Jno. Cowell having not yet spoake with Sarah Metcalf, is desired to speake to her according as was formerly desired, betwixt & the next preparative Meeting.

Jno. Parker seting up in trade
Jno. Parker having lade before this meeting his intentions to set up the clothing trade, saing that his unkles is willing to assist him with wooll & some money; soe this Meeting desires Stepn. Elbeck Senr: Rob: Arthington & Josa: North to further discorce him therein, giving their advise & consent as in the wisdom of god they see meete, & give an account to the next preparitive meeting.

This Meeting having a complaint lade before them of divers misdemeaners commited by Josha. Ledger, which are as followeth
Vizt. That he had beene drunk many times & the day he appeared at the preparitive Meeting to publish his mariage he was soe drunk before the meeting, that he lay him down on the bed & his mother sending one to ask him if he would goe to the meeting, he answered Let them Quake by themselves if they would for he would not truble them that day.

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And also the said Joshua Ledger sade that he was wors drunk that day then he was the day before [*in margin:* implying that he was drunk the day before]. At another of his drunken fits he wisht all the Quakers the Divell; & refused to be kept in the house by his mother, pulling[82] her by & throwing the keys soe from him that they broake the windows.

And upon examenation of the said Joshua of the particulers he hastily run oute of the Meeting accusing friends for soe dealing with him.
But coming againe into the Meeting (the same day) the particulers above mentiond was dilibrately read to him & he exam'd could not deny the same, his mother being present.

[p. 82] Leeds preparitive Meeting the 24th 5th mo. [July] 1700
Friends appoynted to attend the Monthly Meeting at Mankinholes is Wm. Benson of Armley & Josa. Barber; both appeared.

Oulton
Robt: Arthington, Henry Thompson & Jno. Cowell having not spoake with Sarah Metcalf is yett desired to speake to her as formerly requested.

J. Parker Hunslet
Stephen Elbeck (Senr.) & Rob: Arthington gave account to this Meeting that they had discorsed Jno. Parker according to the request of Friends at the last preparitive Meeting & have given him their advise: & finding [h]is proposalls likely, also consent to set up his said trade.

Morley
Ordred that the matter relating to Alice Thackrey & her children be further enquired into by Rob: Arthington, Stephen Elbeck (Senr.), Jno. & Wm. Cowell, Jno. Got, Tho: Benson & Benja: Hornor.

Ordred that the Minet & other matters against Josa: Ledger be lade before the Mo: Meeting.[83]

According to the order at the last preparitive Meeting Joshua Wilson appeared in this Meeting & was discorsed by friends concerning his being drunk &c., he being reproved & admonished for the future to be more carefull, & that if he doe not, may expect that Friends must be forced to deny him, & his practices, [p. 83] And that he seeke to cleare truth in the places where he hath been overseen with taking to much strong drink.

Richd. Armistead publishing his intentions of marrage with Hanna Hulley; is left to his freedom of acquainting the Mo: Meeting therewith, as in the wisdom of god may be seene meete.[84]

[81] M.M. 31 May 1700: 'Ordered that a generall meeting be appoynted at Farnley for Leeds meeting this yeare, the first day before the yearly Meeting at York, viz: the 16th day of the 4th Month.' (Q1, 105).
[82] Word altered.
[83] See Q1, 109 (30 Aug 1700).
[84] See Q1, 107, 108, 111.

That Friends give there sence about providing at births & burialls.[85]

Leeds

From our Monthly Meetting belonging Brighouse this 30th day of the 6th Month 1700

Forasmuch as Josuah Ledgard son of Mary Ledgard in Leeds hath been educated amongst us the people of god called Quakers, and hitherto might by some be reputed as one of us (and called a Quaker), but for want of watchfullness & takeing due heed to the word & good spirit of god made manifest within him, wherby a young man may cleanse his wayes, he hath given himselfe up to lust after strong drinke, and hath very often so accustomed himselfe to be drunke, that he hath been abusive to his great shame & disgrace, and to the dishonor of our holy profession, And complaint being made to us, of thes his gross abusies, according to gospell order, and the practises used amongst us the said people, severall Friends was ordered to speake to him, and sometime he did promiss that for time to come he [p. 84] would be more carefull & refraine from his drunkenness and his vaine course of life & conversation, but we seing no change of life in him nor reformation, he after that tooke a young woman whose name was Eliz: Willaby & went with her to a preist to be marryed, contrary to our Christian practise, so for thes his gross abusies, & for his disorderly walking, & wicked words & practises, We whose names are hereundersubscribed can do no less then in the Name of Jesus Christ, and for truth & righteousness sake, bear our faithfull testimonies against him (and every brother that walketh disorderly) with what more crimes he may committ, in that rebellious & gainesaying nature, and denie societie & fellowship with him, till such times as he shall come truely & willingly to confess and acknowledg his outgoings, and demonstrate his true & unfeigned repentance by amendment of life, and by judging and condemning that spirit that so led & captivated him.

And further we do heartily desire, if it be the will of god, and may be to his glory, that he may find a place of true and unfeigned repentance & sorrow for his unfaithfullness to the saveing of his soul in the day of the Lord:

Signed in the behalfe of this Meetting, By

Jonas Preston	Josuah Barber
Robert Walker	Benjamin Hornor
Willm. Shires	Samuel Hulley
Henry Kaley	Willm. Copley
Willm. Cowell	Edward Haigh
Richard Armistead	Thomas Greene

Coppy hereof sent by Henry Thompson; to him.

[p. 85] Leeds preparitive Meeting the 27th 6 mo: [August] 1700

Friends appoynted to attend the Mo: Meeting at Joshu. Laycocks is Wm. Cowell & Robt: Eastburn.

Oulton

Jno. Cowell gives an account to this meeting that they have spoake with Sarah Metcalf aboute her daughter making lace, who seemed not wholy willing to leave the same, & the said practice being not consistant with the Truth & practice of gods people, therefore this meeting doth appoynt Joshua Barber & Stephen Elbeck (Senr.) to acquaint them that friends doth earnestly desire them to dissist the said imployment, elce Friends must be forced to deny them, to be of our Society.

Morley

The matter of Alice Thackrey refered to the next preparitive Meeting.

appistle from York

At this meeting was received from the Monthly meeting a paper that came from the Yearly meeting at York, with coppy of a letter from Friends in Ireland.[86]

Burialls

This meeting having under their consitheration (according to request of mo: meeting) the mater of taking or giving cakes or much meate on account of burialls. It is the sence of this meeting that it is most cleare of superfluaty to give nothing at all.

Ordred that John North & James Pearson doe enquire concerning Wm. Gristwick in order to his having a Sertificate.

Collection sent to Mo: Meeting per Wm. Cowell £2 1s. 0d.[87]

[85] A response to M.M. minute, 17 June 1700: 'The [question of] giving & taking of cakes & providing of meate for all at Burialls &c. is desired to be recommended to the Quarterly Meeting at Yorke: As also the representatives of each particuler Meetings are desired to lay them before all the preparitive Meetings & to bring their sence of it to the Next Monthly meeting.' (Q1, 106). Following the minutes for 30 Aug 1700 is entered the paper resulting from discussions:

"To Friends at the Quarterly Meeting at York, These

Dear Friends We have according to the request, in each particuler meeting, had under our serious consideration the giving & takeing of cakes, gloves or other things, as also superfluities of meats & drinkes at Burialls. We doe desire that friends may whooly lay 'em aside, nevertheless the circumstances considered, & that 2 or more honest allowing what may be necessary for refresment as at other times, substantiall friends may be appoynted in each particuler meeting to goe to the house where the party is deceased, as soone as they heare of it, & advice what may be necessary to be done at that time.

From our Monthly Meeting belonging to Brighouse the 30th 6th month 1700

Signed on behalfe of the aforesaid meeting by Thomas Greene

Debora Winn' (Q1, 109).

[86] Document now preserved as F25/5, letter from Thomas Hammond, on behalf of York Q.M., 19 & 20 June 1700, together with postscripts and copy of letter from John Pim and George Rooke from Leinster Province Meeting, Moate, 1 June 1700, concerning Friends going to Ireland, whose conduct there did not answer to the favourable certificates which they produced.

[87] See Q1, 108.

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Leeds Preparitive Meetting the 18th 7th Mo. [September] 1700

Friends appoynted to attend the Mo: Me: at Tho. Greenes is Jno. Cowell & Benj. Hornor.

Oulton

Josuah Barber & Stephen Elbeck hath given account to this Meetting that they have spoke with Sarah Mettcalfe about her daughter makeing lace & acquainted her that if they did not leave the same, Friends must be forced to disown them, but they seeming obstinately to resist ther advice, Friends may in justice denie them, yet are willing to forbear untill the next preparitive Meetting & desires her to appear at the said Meetting. Henry Tompson is desired to acquaint her.

Ireland

The matter of Alice Thackerry being discoursed, this Meetting finds no reason but to stand to the letter formerly sent to Friends in Ireland, & ordered that B: H [Benjamin Horner] draw a letter up in answer to Tho. Bretherick & bring it to the next preparitive Meetting.

To London

The matter of Willm. Gristwick haveing a certificate is refered to the next preparative Meetting.

Leeds Preparative Meett. the 23d 8th Mo. [October] 1700

Friends appointed to attend the Month Meetting at Robert Cowlings is Rich. Armistead & John North.

Ordered that the next preparitive Meetting be gathered at the 10th hour in order that an account be given concerning Friends sufferings & clearness of tithes &c. & that every Master of Families is desired to attend the said Meetting.

Oulton

The matter of Sarah Metcalfe is refered to the next preparitive Meeting & Henry Tompson is still desired to acquaint her that Friends expects her to appear at the said Meetting.

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Zach: Hopkins haveing laid before us his intentions of setting up his trade of a clothmaker, Rob: Arthington, Willm. Cowell, John North & Benj. Hornor is desired to discourse him about the same & give their advise according as they finds.

Leeds preparitive Meeting the 27th of 9th mo. [November] 1700
Friends appoynted to attend the Mo: meeting at Rasterick is Thomas Benson & Samll. Dickenson; both appeared.

Tyth
John Armitage, Emanll: Lapage, Wm. Wilson, Robt. Walker, Joseph Lupton & Jno. Barker & Rich. Roe not appearing at our preparitive Meeting to give account of their clearness of Tyth, they are desired to appear at the next preparitive Meeting. Henry Thompson, Josa: North & Richd. Armistead desired to speake to them.

Collected at our first days meeting for the service of the poore & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Samll. Dickinson & Thomas Benson
£2 : 2s : 0d.[88]

Quarterly meeting
Received an Eepistle from the Quarterly Meeting relating to births, marrages & burialls.

Morley
A complaint of the nessesity of Wido: Cundell. Richd. Armistead, Benja: Hornor, Tho: Benson, Samll. Dickenson & Jno. Gott desired to visit her.

Beeston
Robt. Peart desired to assist Tabitha Jawett in writing to her landlord aboute the house her husband builded.

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Ordered that Wm. Cowell, Richd. Armitstead, Jno. Cowell, Wm. Readshaw, Henry Thompson, Josa. North & as many others as is willing, doe attend at the Meeting house this day 2 weeks after the meeting to take the accounts of Robert Arthington & Benja: Hornor, aboute the charge of the Meeting house building.

Aaron Atkinson acquainting this meeting with his desire of having the Evening Meeting at his house by course; it is agreed that it goe to his house according to his request.[89]

Leeds the 18th Xth mo: [December] 1700
Friends appoynted to attend the Mo: Meeting at Brighouse is Jno. Sykes & Benja. Leadger; both appeared.

[88] See Q1, 112.
[89] This was very soon after his marriage to Tabitha Wails.

Collected at our first days Meeting the 15th Inst. & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Benja: Leader for the use of the Quarterly Meeting.

£2 17s 6d.[90]

Persons not appearing aboute Tyth

Wm. Wilson, Robt. Walker, Joseph Lupton & Richd. Roe & John Barker not appearing as was desired the last preparitive Meeting, is yet desired to appeare at the next preparitive meeting to give account as formerly desired.

Morley

The matter of Wido: Cundell refered to the next preparitive Meeting & the persons formerly ordred to continue the same under their consitheration.

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Forasmuch as Eliz: Willaby of Oulton hath for severall years frequented our Meetting at Leeds & might by some be reputed as one of us (and called a Quaker), but now of late she hath keept company with Josuah Ledgard & given consent to him to go to a priest to be maryed with him contrary to our principle & practise, Therfore we whose names are hereunder written, can do no less then in good conscience bear our faithfull testimonies against her, & denie her to be of our society & fellowship till such times as she the said now Eliz: Ledgard come freely & willingly to confess & acknowledg her out goings, and demonstrate her repentance for the same by amendment of life & by her faithfullness to the light, in the which our society & fellowship may be renewed.

Signed in the behalfe of the Meetting in the year 1700 By Eliz. Wilson, Deborah Jackson, Mary Cowell, Eliz. Merry, Hannah Armistead, Christian Hornor, Susannah Benson, Ann Tompson, Tabitha Pearson, Eliz. Pearson, Eliz: Elbeck, Eliz: North.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Leeds the 23d of 8th Mo: 1700.

These to certifie whome it may concerne that William Gristwick hath freequented our Meetings for some time & hath behaved himselfe orderly whilest he was amongst us, & hath kept himselfe from the fellowship of vain youth & free (as far as wee understand) from the entanglements of woomen, & that he may grow in the vertue of the pure[91] truth of the everlasting god is our harty desires.

Signed in the behalf of the Meeting

James Person Senior

[p. 90] Leeds preparitive Meeting the 29th 11 Mo: [January] 1700

William Pycock & William Benson of Morley ordred to attend the Monthly Meeting at Josa. Laycocks.

Tyth

William Wilson & Jno. Barker not appearing at this Meeting it is desired that Tho. Benson & Jno. Sykes speake to the said persons, to know of them whether they owne themselves Members of Leeds Meeting or noe, & if they doe not to let us know what Meeting they owne themselves of, & if they say they are of this Meeting, then we desire that they both appear at our next preparitive Meeting.

Oulton

Henry Thompson not appearing to give account of his speaking to Robt: Walker & Joseph Lupton, he is to be spoake to to know what he hath done, & if he have not, he is desired to speake to them to be at the next preparitive meeting. Richd. Armistead[92] & William Cowell to speake to him[93] to be at the first preparitive Meeting.

Wo: Cundell

Upon Friends order & request, Robert Arthington promiseth to buy a cow & let her to Wido: Cundell for a yeare, Friends paying Robt. Arthington for the Note of the said cow; also it is ordred that Wido. Cundell take 4 men & make an Inventory of all the goods that Wm. Cundell dyed seased of, & shee to take administration of the same in order that shee pay all such debts as was owing by her said husband soe farr as the said goods will exstend, shee being carefull to pay legally.

[p. 91] Olton

Whereas in Summber last Sarah Metcalf, being spoken to aboute continuing the making bone lace, upon which she made promice to acquaint herselfe with & in the way of making straw hats, & to ceace from the said imployment. What friends now desires is to know what prograce she hath made in answer to her promice and if the matter be continued in yet in the end friends must be forced to place judgment upon the offence. Aaron Atkinson, Wm. Cowell & Richd. Armitstead to goe to her & give an account to the next preparitive Meeting.

Holbeck

Thomas Swails of Holbeck complaning of his nessesities, Friends enquiring into his condition doe understand he hath a daughter 16 or 17 years of age & not being of Our Sosiatie & by her fathers words not diligent[94] in her labour, & his wife a decriped wooman, one that came little

[90] See Q1, 113.
[91] The word *pure* before *vertue* has been deleted.
[92] Name written over that of Robert Arthington.
[93] *Originally written* them.
[94] willing to work *deleted.*

at our Meetings when of abillity, therefore this Meeting looks not upon themselves aney way obliged to help them in aney other kind, then as the poore of the parish: & for the said Thomas, we see to[o] little of the Image of the Truth born up in him, therefore wee bestow upon him 3s. 6d. as a poore man & not one properly of our Sociaty till we see him more weighty in his life & conversation.[95]

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Leeds preparitive Meeting the 26th 12 Mo: [February] 1700

Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Joshua Laycocks is Miles Walker & John Barlow.

Time of the gathering the preparitive Meeting

Friends at this Meeting finding themselves stratned for want of time in performing their duty of Worship & business at these preparitive Meetings, having taken the matter into consitheration doe agree that the preparitive Meetings be gathered at the 12 hour this Sumber Season. & it is desired that Friends be carefull both in attending the said Meetings & gathering at the fore said hour: & at the 11th hour in Winter.

Thomas Benson gave account to this meeting that Richd. Armistead & he spoake with Wm. Wilson & Jno. Barker. Wm. Wilson gave them a satisfactry account concerning Tyth &c. & promiced to be at this meeting; but he not attending is desired to be at the next. But as to Jno. Barker and his wife, they found them not to their satisfaction, but on the contrary: they uttered very unsavery expressions, reflecting agins[t] Monthly Meetings with most things of good order. In short they found[96] them both unsound in faith & practice. Yett oute of our tender respect towards them, James Peirson, Joshua Barber, Jno. Sykes & Benja: Hornor is desired to vissit them & give account to the next preparitive Meeting.

[p. 93] Oulton

Joseph Lupton & Robt. Walker is still desired to appear at our next preparitive Meeting. Rich. Armistead ordered to speake to them.

Oulton

Richd. Armistead, Aaron Atkinson & Wm. Cowell being prevented of vissiting Sarah Metcalf as was requested, they are desired to perform the same & give[97] account at the next preparitive Meeting.

Benja: Hornor is desired to bring his accounts to the next preparitive Meeting.

Armley
This Meeting understanding that Joshua Siddall hath walked disorderly doth desire him to appear at the next prepari[ti]ve Meeting. Wm. Jackson desired to acquaint him therewith.

The matter of Wido: Cundell refered to the next preparitive Meeting.

from Mo: Meeting
At the Mo: Meeting held at Josa: Laycocks the 31th 11th mo. 1700
It is desired that those friends that are ordered to see into the orderly walking of Friends &c. doe appear at the Mo: Meeting before the Quarterly Meeting to give account how they have answred their trust.

It is further agreed to that no friend which is Master of a Famely remove oute of the Meeting to which they belong without a certificate from the Meeting.[98]

[p. 94] Leeds preparitive Meeting the 26th 1st Month [March] 1701
Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly: Meeting at Thomas Greens is Hen: Thompson & Wm. Dickenson.

Bruntlif
According to the request of Friends at the last preparitive Meeting, James Pierson, Josa. Barber & Benjamin Hornor went to the house of Jno. Barker, & upon some discorce with him & his wife they seemed more plyable then formerly, & Jno. shewed a willingness to come to this Meeting.
The said John Barker accordingly appeared at this Meeting: and upon friends discorce with him doe find that he hath not beene cleare in paying priest wages &c. as he ought to be. Therefore he is admonished for the future to be more carefull of his ways, by taking heede to the divine spirit of god, that his actions may be to the honnour of god & good of his owne soule.
And also the said Jno. declareth that for the future he hopes to be more carefull of[99] attending Meetings & walking as becoms the[1] holy profession & that he desires to be a member of this Meeting.

Bruntlif
Willm. Wilson appearing gives account that he is cleare of paying Tyth

[95] M.M. granted 3s. 6d. (Q1, 114; 31 Jan 1701).
[96] finding *deleted.*
[97] *Spelled* givie.
[98] See Q1, 114.
[99] *Written over* in.
[1] *Perhaps altered to* our.

& Steeple house Tax, & got in his corn the Tyth farmer threating him, but yet done noe further.

[p. 95] Bruntlif
Ordred that Thomas Benson & Jno. Sykes & Wm. Benson of Morley see oute for a cow for Wido: Cundell & apply themselves to Rob: Arthington to pay for the same.

about Womens Collections
Ordred that the advice of the Monthly Meeting be obtained by our representatives whether it be not more proper for one Collection to be for both men & woomen Friends; & that the woomen have money from the publick collections for the service of the woomen; they not being allways bound to give a particuler account to the menn, or that they make pryvate Collections for publick business, which some think not soe eaquall.[2]

Collection
Ordred that a Collection be made for the preparitive Meeting, & that Rob: Arthington woord the matter at a first days Meeting, betwixt & the next preparitive Meeting.

Oulton
Robt. Walker & Joseph Lupton not appearing though[3] from time to time they have beene requested. Richd. Armistead, Henry Thompson & Wm. Cowell is desired to speak to them to know their reason why they doe not answer friends request, in appearing at our preparitive Meeting.

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Collected for the use of the poore & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Henry Thompson £2 : 6s.: 0d.[4]

Births, burialls & marrages calld.

Oulton
Richard Armstead, Wm. Cowell & Aaron Atkinson giving account to this meeting that they have spoake with Sarah Metcalf concerning the educating of her children in lace making & they found her obstanately to persist therein. Soe this Meeting doth desire the above said persons to draw up a paper of condemnation (of the fact) & bring the same to the next preparitive Meeting.

Armley
Joshua Siddall not appearing at this Meeting, the matter is refered to the next preparitive Meeting, & Wm. Jackson desired to speake to him to appear.

[p. 97] Leeds preparitive Meeting the 23d 2d Mo: [April] 1701
Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly meeting at Robt: Cowlings is Robert Arthington & Wm. Jackson.

Bruntlif
John Sykes gives account to this Meeting that they have bought a cow for Wido: Cundell cost £ 3 : 18s. 0d.
which is paid to them.

2d mo. 20th
Collected for the use of Meeting & paid to Benja. Hornor to reemburs him for what is lade oute for Traviling Friends horses, with stabl-rent &c. £ 3 : 5s. 6d.

Stable rent
Agreed at this Meeting that Abraham Ledger have 10s. per yeare (for the future) for Friends horses standing in his stable when they come to Meeting.

Oulton
William Cowell gives account at this meeting that he hath spoake to Joseph Lupton & Robert Walker, & they give account that they are cleare of paying Tyth & Steeple house Tax, & they hope to be more carefull in attending the preparitive Meeting (if they live).

Oulton
According to the order at the last preparitive Meeting, Rich: Armistead brought a paper of condemnation, relating to Sarah Metcalf & bone lace making, which had beene read to her, soe is ordred to be ofred to the Monthly Meeting.

[p. 98] Concerning Joshua Siddall of Armley
Joshua Siddall appearing at this Meeting was discorced by Friends concerning his former outgoings in taking his wife before a priest & his evell practice of knowing her before marrage; which was done some years since, yet wee done not find his actions (since) to be such as gives us that satisfaction that wee can owne him to be one of us, soe are yet

[2]See Q1, 117; M.M. 28 March 1701: 'The matter which was offered from Leeds preparitive meeting, relateing to the women Friends takeing care for the poor women, takeing the monies from the publick Collection & not being obliged to give a particular account to the men, be referred to the next monthly meeting.' At the next meeting 'it was agreed to that men friends take care of poor men & that women friends take care of poor women, yet so that both men & women have but one Collection for the nessities of the said poor, yett the women are left to their freedom as to giveing a Particular Account to the men how they dispose of what they may see needfull to poor women.' Payments from M.M. come later earmarked 'for the women' (Q1, 123).
[3]according as *deleted.*
[4]See Q1, 116.

forced to declare our disunity with him & his actions; but doe desire if it be the Lords pleasuer, he may be brought through trew repentance to amendment of life, that he may find mercy in the day of the Lord.

Births, marrages & burialls calld for.

Abraham Kendall appearing at this Meeting declares his intentions of marrage with Sarah Peart of Thirsk Mo. Meeting, & is left to his freedom of going to the Mo: Meeting.[5]

Friends Ex. how they stand
Ordred that Rob: Arthington & Rob: Peart, with what other Friends they are pleased to chuse to themselves doe examine Friends that are traders how they stand, that they goe through the World with a good report, & give account to the next preparitive Meeting what they have done therein.

[p. 99] Leeds preparitive Meeting the 28th 3d mo: [May] 1701
Friends appoynted to attend at the Month Meeting at Hallyfx is Samll. Crowther & Hannania Elbeck.

Oulton
Robert Arthington gives account that the paper relating to the Testamony of Friends against the making of lace, & Sarah Metcalf concerning the same, is signed by the Mo: Meeting & in his hands. Soe is ordred that he bring the same to be read in the Meeting & sent to her.[6]

Trads Ex:
Robert Arthington gives account to this meeting that he & Rob: Peart hath not yet gon through the matter of examaning the state of Friends that are traders, but desires another Month before they give account thereof.

Bramley
Joseph Elbecks intentions of marrage with Mary Jawet being lade before this Meeting, he is left to his freedom of acquainting the Mo: Meeting therewith.[7]

Ordred that Benja: Hornor pay Thomas Pawson 5s. for half yeare for dresing the Meeting house.

Births, marrages & burialls calld.

[p. 100] Leeds preparitive Meeting the 25th 4th month [June] 1701
Friends ordred to attend at the Monthly Meeting at[8] at Leeds Robert Arthington & Benjamin Hornor.

Trads Ex.
Robert Arthington gives account to this Meeting of what prograce he & Robert Peart hath made in the matter of examaning the state of Friends that are traders, & their account being satisfactory to us is desired that they may proseede on with the same & give account to the Meeting thereof.

Oulton lace
The paper relating to the Testamoney of Friends against Sarah Metcalf & the making lace was brought to this Meeting, soe is ordred that the same duly read & that a coppy be sent her.

Births, marrages & burialls called.

Leeds preparitive Meeting the 23d 5th mo. [July] 1701

Farnley
Robt: Arthington & Robt: Peart not being at this Meeting, the account of their proseeding in the concerne formerly commited to them be refered to the next preparitive Meeting.

Oulton
Ordred that the paper relating to Sarah Metcalf be sent to the Mo: Meeting for women to signe.

Holbeck
Miles Walker by letter (to James Pearson) desiring a certificate is ordered that it be lade before the Mo: Meeting.[9]

Marrages, births & burialls called & given in.

[p. 101] Leeds preparitive Meeting the 27th 6th mo. [August] 1701
Friends appoynted to attend at the Month Meeting at Josa: Laycocks is Joshua Barber & William Benson (of Armley).

The outward concerns of friends examined
Robert Peart giving account to this Meeting that he & Robt. Arthington have not yet gone through with the matter committed to them: soe Friends desires they may goe on with the same withoute delay

[5] See Q1, 118.
[6] The M.M. recorded a more general minute (marked with a fist, and 'to be entred' in the margin): 'It is desired that every particular meeting may consider of those that make or wear any sort of stript or flowerd silks or stuffes, that the practise of it may be taken care to be left of, & not to the chargeing of their consciences to sell what they cannot wear.' (Q1, 117).
[7] See Q1, 118, 119, 121.
[8] Hallyfax *deleted.*
[9] Leeds Friends were asked to prepare a certificate to be sent to Miles Walker in London (M.M. 25 July 1701; Q1, 120). Certificate signed, 26 Dec 1701 (Q1, 125).

& give account of their proseeding therein to the next preparitive Meeting.

Certificate M. Walker
Ordred that Aaron Atkinson, James Pearson, Wm. Readshaw, Richd. Armitstead & Jno. Barlow do meete tomorrow in the afternoon at Aaron Atkinsons & draw a certificate for Miles Walker.

Wm. Naylor having published his intentions of marrage with Martha Barker; they are left to their freedom of acquainting the Mo: Meeting therewith.[10]

the Methood of Publishing Marrages
Wee having under our consitheration the way or methood of publishing the intentions of marrage in the preparative Meetings:
doe agree that the man first signifie his said intentions at the Woomans Meeting & after amongst the Men.

Marrages, births & burialls calld.

[p. 102] At the Monthly Meeting held at Joshua Laycocks the 21th of 11th mo. 1701[11]

Leeds preparative Meeting, the 17th 7th mo: [September] 1701
Friends appoynted to attend the Mo: Meeting at Thomas Greenes is Wm. Cowell & Robt. Eastburn; both appeared.

Outward Concernes Examd.
Robert Arthington gave account to this Meeting that he & Robt: Peart in pursuance to the request of Friends hath examnd: into the Outward concernes of severall Friends & finds things indifrant well, Vizt. in Hunslit, Beeston & Churwell, Morley & Gildersom; soe this Meeting desireth they may goe on with the same with expedition still giving account to the preparative Meeting.

John Cowell
Complaynt being made to this Meeting concerning Jno. Cowell; not being cleare of paying Tyth; & giving way to take to much strong drinck; which matters being proved upon him, Friends at this Meeting; having much signified their dislike thereto desires him to consider of a way to cleare Truth & give account to the next preparative Meeting.

Dear Friends I have been & also am hearty sorry for what I have done that tends to the breach of unity with friends, & is not without hopes of remission

from the lord, & so desires your tenderness towards me, hoping I shall never do so againe, so rests your Friend,

John Cowell[12]

A true coppy of what he writ
himselfe to satisfie Friends

[p. 103] Copy of a paper from Lancaster

From the Quarterly Meeting at Langcaster in the 11th mo. 1699.

first That noe Friends who have parents or gurdians concerne themselves to make or receive aney tender or ofer relating to marriage withoute the consent of their parents or guardians, on both sides first obtained.

2d That noe widdows or unmarryed persons that hath not parents, & is from under guardianshipp, make any tender relating to marriage to aney wooman wido: or unmarryed wooman till he have first advised with some sencible Friends of their Mo: Meeting in order to have their concurance & aprobation in the matter.

3d That when aney friend or Friends have entertaned in his or their minds (towards one another) a concerne relating to marriage, & that discovery by tender thereof, is made betwixt them, & espetialy where the tender is in aney respect accepted, that noe such person or person soe ingaged by offer or tender of that nature doe breake of[f] or make an end of such concernes, betwixt them or give or take any releases, or discharges one from another relating to that concerne [p. 104] withoute first advising with their parents or guardians if they have aney, & 4 or more substantiall Friends of their Particuler or Mo: Meeting, & waite to have their approbation, libourty or concent in the matter, before aney such end be made, least through some forward or inconsitherate act of that nature one or both parties soe acting should suffer.

4thly That all Friends that are widdowers & widdows be advised not to concerne themselves, eather to make or receive aney tender relating to a 2d marrage till at least 12 Months be expired from the time of the death of wife or husband, that thereby, they may manifest their moderation & gouvernment of their spirits.

5thly That all marrages be first presented to the preparative Meeting or Meetings the parties are Members of, to have their alowance thereof, before they be lade before the Mo: Meetings.

6thly That when a presentation of marriage by the allowance of a preparative Meeting is made to the Monthly Meeting and the presentation is accepted; the man shall be ordred him self (except in some exterordanary case) to publish his intention in the Particuler Meeting or Meetings the man & wooman belongs to, & persons appoynted upon his publickcation to make enquiry affter ther clearness as usuall. [p. 105]

[10] See Q1, 121, 122, 123 for the marriage of Wm Nayler/Naylor of Wakefield and Martha Barker of Leeds, 'indiferently carried on but not so well as some could a desired'.

[11] Two lines deleted.

[12] Copy of letter in a hand different from that of the preceding minute.

7ly That where the man & woman concerned in order to marriage are of difrant Monthly Meetings, the presentation of the marrage shall be first made to that Monthly Meeting the mann belongs to, the accomplishment of the marriage mostly being where the wooman dwells the presentation being accepted, that Month Meeting shall order a few lines to be writt to the Monthly Meeting the wooman belongs, to advise that such a presentation hath beene made to the Meeting, & is accepted, & that care is taken according to the usuall practice, to be in readyness against next Meeting to give a certificate on the mans behalf if they require it, & nothing appear to hinder it; which done & the presentation made to the Monthly Meeting the wooman belongs & accepted; that Monthly Meeting to write to the former, to advise of the presentation & their acceptance of it & to request a certificate on the mans behalf, which being answered, the proseedings may be alowed to accomplishment without aney obstructions or stractions in the records of the Monthly Meeting.
Note that the man at his first appearance is to produce to the Meeting he belongs to, both preparative & Monthly Meeting, somting under the woomas hand signifieing her oneness with him in the matter proposed.

[p. 106] Coppy of a paper from Cumberland

From our Quarterly Meeting at Pardsey cragg the 12th of the 8th Mo. 1699.

Deare Friends & Brethren

Unto you is the sallutation of our deare love in the sweete felowshipp of the Gospell of peace, desiring that grace, mercy & peace may be encreaced in & amongs you & in all the Churches of Christ. Hav[i]ng a weighty concerne upon us for the honnour of god, & that a holy disoplyne in the pure wisdom & love of god may be kept up & practiced in all the Churches: wee thought good to recomend unto your care the following Minnuits to be put in practice.

Firstly To see that Friends be diligent in coming to their Weeke days Meetings, & to stur up those that are backward.

2dly That Friends be carefull to keepe to their Monthly Meetings to attend the affairs & servise of Truth.

3dly To counsell & admonish Friends to keepe oute of superfluaties in meate drink & apparell at all times, more espetialy at marraiges & burialls.

4thly That Friends every where be carefull to behave themselves orderly in their words, carrages & deportments upon all occations, as to answer the witness of god in those whome they may have convers with.

5thly That Friends lanch not oute into trading & business beyond what they are able to manage [p. 107] nor break their promises in paying their just debts or contracts, & that none practice aney clandestine way of trading which is to the great dishonour of Truth & a scandall to religion, which the Testimony of truth is gone forth against.

6thly That Friends keepe oute of the abuse of smooking & chewing of tobaco espetialy in markets & publick places, & that such render a reason why they take it, & to observe time & place.

7thly Where be aney Friends that be Masters of aney trade that doe want apprentices or children of Friends want to be put forth, that they first doe acquaint the Preparative, Monthly & Quarterly Meeting therewith before they take those that are not Friends, or put their children furth to such.

8thly That care be taken that all Friends be carefull not to give way to sleepe or drowsynes in publick Meetings for Worship or business, but to wach against it, for its a dishonour to such as profess the Truth.

9thly That all Friends be carefull to keepe up their Auntient Christian Testimoney against the payment of Tyths, Steeple house Raites or aney other ceremonyes belonging thereunto [p. 108] or suffering aney to pay on ther behalf.

10thly That Friends be carefull to keepe oute of tatling, tale bearing, back-biting, whisbering, or medling themselves with other mens maters, where they are not concerned, which things may lead to the sowing of discord & rasing of strife amongst breethren.

11thly Where aney difrance happens amongst Friends that they be advised speedily to end the same, otherwise to refer them selves to the judgment of 2 or more honest frends, & if they cannot agree, to report the same to the Preparative Meeting to which they belong & soe to the Monthly Meeting, if neede require & if they will not be reclamed, a publick Testimoney is to goe forth against them.

12thly That care be taken that Friends that have children trane them up in the Fear of the Lord, & that they restrane them from vice & wantonness, & keeping of company with such as teach them vain fashions & corupt ways of the world to the mispending of their pretious time & substance, to the greefe of faithfull Friends.

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Likewise at the Mo: Meeting at Broughton the 31th of the 8th Mo: 1699 it was under the consideration of the said Meeting that such Friends as are taylors doe not make up aney superfluities or absolutely needeless things in apparell & that Friends doe generally imploy such taylors as are Friends, for such work as they have occation, & likewise Friends to encorage one another in their respective trades & concernes, where they may meete with as fare & cheap dealing as from others; & where the contrary appears in aney such Friends, that they be accounted not subject to the order of Friends.

In order that Friends which go unto the yearly Meetting may be capable of giveing an account to Friends therof such things as may be enquired of them, it is desired that the representatives of each Monthly Meetting may give an account of thes following particulars

First, How it is with Friends in each Mo. Me. to which they do belong in relation to peace & unity one with another, & the prosperity of truth amongst them, & what encrease or gathering to the truth is amongst them.

2ly, How Meettings are kept, both first day & weeke dayes Monthly & Quarterly.

3ly, What Friends in the Ministry are departed this life within ther Monthly Meetting since the last yearly Meetting.

4ly, If all the accounts of Friends sufferings which are to be sent up to the yearly Meetting be brought up in order to be sent up to London.

5ly, If any new Meetting houses are builded since the last yearly Meetting.

6ly[13] How have the severall advises of this Meeting beene put in practice.

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Leeds Preparative Meetting the 29th 8th Mo: [October] 1701

Friends appointed to attend the Mo. Me. is Benj. Hornor & Rich. Armistead.

Robert Arthington & Rob. Peart giveth account to this Meetting that they have not yet gone thro all ther meetting with examineing ther outward concerns of Friends; desired another mo[nth's] time to accomplish the same, & Friends desires account the next Mo. Meet.

John Cowel not appearing at this Meetting, Rich. Armistead & Willm. Cowell is desired to speak to him to appear at our next Preparative Meetting.

The Meetting haveing under consideration the matter of Robert Arthington comeing to an end with the concern betwixt Mary Barlow & him depending so long, & he is desired to consider well upon it, & give account to the next Meetting.

Rich: Kendall made complaint to this Meeting that ther is a debt due to him by Rich. Roe, & that he hath neglected paying him breaking his promise from time to time severall years, so Josuah North & Sam. Hulley is desired to speak to him & bring account to the next Meetting, & if he give not satisfaction, that he appear at our next preparative Meeting.

Collected & carryed to the Mo. Meetting by B: H £2–3s–0[14]

Leeds Preparative Meetting the 26th 9th Mo. [November] 1701

Friends appointed to attend at the Mo: Me: at Rastrick is[15] Rich. Armistead & Jn. North & both appeared.

Rob: Arthington & Rob. Peart had been at most of Friends about[15] the matter formerly committed to them, & desires another month to accomplish the same.

Rob. Arthington gave account to this Metting by his son John of his willingness to answer Friends request, but he being not well this matter is refered to the next Preparative Meetting.

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Richerd Roe gives account to this Meetting that he had given Richerd Kendall satisfaction for the present by John Smith promissing that Rich. Roe shall pay him £5 upon the first day of the 3d Mo. next in the year 1702. Rich. Kendall declares that he is willing to discharg R R in full when the sume is paid.

Mariages, births & buryings is called

Paid by Rob. Peart for Alex: Hartley 2s. 6d.

Leeds Preparitive Meeting the 24th 10th Mo. [December] 1701
Friends ordered to attend at the Mo. Me. at Brighouse is John Gott & Thomas Benson.

Rob: Arthington & Rob: Peart gives account that they have spoke to most Friends in the matter formerly committed to them, & ther account is satisfactory to Friends, & this Meetting agreeth that a yearly examination be therin.

Rob: Arthington gave in a paper to this Meetting & signed by him relateing to the putting an end to the matter so long depending betwixt him & Mary Barlow, which is ordered to be sent to the Monthly Meetting.[16]

Miles Walker certificate was drawn[17] & sent to the Monthly Meetting.[18]

Jonas Wood writting for a certificate to Friends, & it is ordered that it be lade before the Mo. Meetting.[19]

Rich. Armistead & Willm. Pycock ordered to go with the ministering Friends to the Meetting at Liverseedg.[20]

Mariages, births & buryalls called & brought in.

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Leeds prepara[ti]ve Meeting the 28th XIth mo. [January] 1701
Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting at Joshua Laycocks is Jno. Sykes & Benja. Hornor.
both appeared.

[13] The 6th Query is in a different hand.
[14] See Q1, 123.
[15] Word repeated.
[16] See document copied in Q1, 125.
[17] This reading is uncertain.
[18] See Q1, 125.
[19] See Q1, 125, 126.
[20] See G1, 11.

A booke to be bought
Ordred that a booke be bought to enter orders & other papers that comes from Yearly, Quarterly & Mo. Meetings.

This Meeting having under their concitheration the unfittness of some ould & weeake people aboute Leeds, doth leave them to their libourty of keeping a Meeting at Leeds, that day the Meeting is at Morley; & to be kept at the Meeting house.

Leeds preparative Meeting 25th 12 mo: [February] 1701
Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting at Joshua Laycocks is Wm. Pycock & Wm. Benson of Morley.
both appeared.

Ordred that the coppy of Jno. Cowells commitment be carryed to the Mo. Meeting, in order for advice whether Rothwell Goale be capable to receive prisoners upon meare contumacy in the Bishops Court or not.[21]

[p. 113] Oulton
Henry Thompson Junr. having published his intentions of marrage with Mary Crooke of Knerresbrough Meeting is left to his libourty of publishing in the other respective Meetings as in the wisdom of Truth is seene meete.[22]

Robt. Harryson of Leeds, having lade before us his intentions of begining a trade for himselfe, Wm. Cowell, Rich: Armistead, Robt. Arthington, Wm. Jackson, Wm. Readshaw, Benj. Hornor & Wm. Dickenson ordred to meete on 3d day of 1st mo. in evening at Benj: Hornors, to examine & advise as is scene meete, & give account to our next preparative Meeting: or aney 4 of them.

Ordred that the persons above mentioned doe examine & take the accounts of Benja: Hornor & report the same to the next preparitive Meeting.

Collected for the use of poore & sent to the Month Meeting by Wm. Pycock £ 2 : 2s. 0d.[23]

Ordred that the matter relating to Timo: Brogdin & Richd. Armistead be refered to Robt: Arthington, Wm. Cowell, Wm. Readshaw, Wm. Pycock, Jno. Cowell, Joshua Arthington, Josa: North, James Pearson, Benja: Hornor & Jno. North, that they or aney 6 of them doe here & determin the matter.

Marrages &c. calld.

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At the Quarterly Meeting at Yorke the 21st of 1st Mo. [March] 1693/4 Whereas there hath hapned some disappointment concerning the holding this Quarterly Meeting, its agreed for the future that when the Quarterly Meeting falls in the Assize[24] time: If the Assize begin on 2d or 3d day of the weeke then the Quarterly Meeting to be held that weeke, but if not till the 4th day of the weeke then the Quarterly Meeting not to be held till 4th & 5th days of the weeke following; & a coppy of this to be sent to each Mo: Meeting to be recorded.[25]

Leeds Preparative Meetting 18th 1st Mo. [March] 1702

Friends appointed to attend the Mo. meetting at T G [Thomas Greene] John Barlow, W. Cowell & Jos. Arthington.

The matter of the 2 Mo. Me. which is at Robert Cowling being settled at houses: [it] is the desier of this Meetting that one of the meettings be at Bradford & the other at Hallifax in the stead of Rob: Cowlings, but if Mancholes Friends is not willing to comply with that, its desired a way may be found in the devideing of the Month Meetting in the depth of winter for the more ease of both Meettings.[26]

4 of the 7 friends ordered to speak to Rob. Harrison have spoke to him & have for the present given way that he shall go on with his trade, & its desired that Friends be giveing him advise in the wisdom of truth as is meet.

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Its ordered at this Meetting that the severall Friends that is appointed to here & determine the matter betwixt T B & R A do meet upon the 6th day of the 2d Month.

Ordered that a Collection be made in our Meetting for the use of poor Friends.

Leeds the 22 2d Mo. [April] 1702

Friends appointed to attend at the Mo. Meetting at Rob. Cowlings is Henry Tompson senr. & Aaron Atkinson.

Friends that was at the Mo. Meetting give account of the matter of

[21] See M.M. 27 Feb 1702 (Q1, 127). The writ ('called a Capis Capiendo Writt') was sent to York Q.M. for advice.

[22] See Q1, 128, 129.

[23] See Q1, 127.

[24] Week *deleted.*

[25] Recorded in Brighouse M.M. book Q1, 128 (20 March 1702).

[26] The subject of holding monthly meetings at meeting houses was considered at M.M. 20 March 1702 (Q1, 128).

settling the Mo: Me: at the Meetting houses is refered to another Month Meetting.[27]

Richard Armisted being from home prevented the matter betwixt him & Timothy Brogdon to be heard at the time appointed; so is desired that the Friends forementioned do hear the matter.

Ordered that R A [Robert Arthington] & W. Cowl. do speake to the preist, overseers or who they se meet[28] concerning Jonathan Mery, in reference to our dealling with him &c. and give an account to our next Preparitive Meetting.

Willm. Wilson published his intention of marriage with Susana Sykes, both of our Meetting, is left to his freedom of publishing the same at the Mo. Meetting as in the wisdom of god is seen meett.[29]

Mariages, births & buryings called for.

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Ordered that Sam: Dickinson, Willm. Cowell, Willm. Readshaw, John Cowell, Rich. Kendall, Jos: North, Willm. Jackson, Henry Tompson, Richard Armisted do meet next 4th day to take the accounts of Rob: Arthington & Benj. Hornor relateing to the Meetting house or any 5 of them.

Leeds preparative Meeting the 27th of 3d Mo: [May] 1702.

Our Meeting is contented to submit to the order of the Mo: Meeting aboute the having the Mo: Meeting at the Meeting houses wholy or sometimes there & sometimes at particuler houses.

The Collection money sent from this Meeting to the Mo: Meeting for the use of the Quarterly Meeting is £ 3 : 0 : 0[30]

Beston & Holbeck
Alexr: Hartley, Jno. & Ann Siddall hath had before this mo. 8s.

The matter of Wm. Cowell & Robt. Arthington going to the priest aboute Jonathan Merry was by them thought meete to be letten alone till more was scene in the carrage of & frame of Eliz: Merry & Jo: [So it] is thought meete to be letten alone till next preparative Meeting.

Churwell
Ben: Ledgard acquainted this Meeting with his intentions of marrage with Susana Morley; he is refered to Yorke Mo. Meeting first.[31]

[p. 117] Farnley
Tho: Stead of Bardsey having published his intentions of mariage with Hanna Holdsworth a Member of this Meeting (in the presence of her

father) he is left to his freedom of publishing the same at the Mo. Meeting.[32]

Leeds preparative Meeting the 17th 4th mo: [June] 1702

Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting at Leeds is Wm. Readshaw & James Pearson.

The matter of Robert Arthington & Wm. Cowell going to the priest aboute Jonathan Merry is still referred to them to accomplish.

Eliz. Merry being somewhat disorderly & upon dealling with her she forbearing comeing to our Meettings, Jos: Barber & James Pearson is appointed to speake with her & give account to the next Preparitive Meetting.

Timothy Brogdon laying before this Meetting that he haveing some houses in Hallifax, ther is a rent demanded called tythe rent for the which his tenant is threttned with distreaning for it, and he desireing advise of Friends, so he is desired to make search, whether according to their own law they can take the same, & he is to give account to the next Meeting. Also he is advised to keep clear of paying or encourageing the payment therof.[33]

Mariages, births & burying called.

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Complaint being made to this Meetting that Abra: Ledger was yesterday so drunken that he was forced to be led down the street & being on a Market day people tooke great notice, & especially that he was one called a Quaker, & as he went they mockt at Friends to the great dishonour of the truth. So Willm. Readshaw & Jos: North is desired to speake to him to appear at the next Preparative Meeting.

Ordered that Rob: Arthington & Willm. Jackson speake to Andrew Abbot to know if he have a certificate, as also to appear at the next Preparative Meetting.

Ordred that Wm. Cowell & Josa: North goe with publick friends to their Meeting.[34]

[27] The matter of monthly meetings was again considered, and left unchanged (29 May 1702; Q1, 130).

[28] is left *deleted.*

[29] See Q1, 129, 130.

[30] See Q1, 130.

[31] See Q1, 131, 132.

[32] See Q1, 130 (Tho: Stead of York meeting, Hannah Houldsworth of Leeds meeting), 131, 132.

[33] See Q1, 131.

[34] They did so, 18 June 1702; G1, 13.

Leeds preparative Meeting the 29th 5th mo: [July] 1702

Friends appoynted to attend at the Month Meeting is Hannania Elbeck & Samll: Crowther.
both appeard.

Joshua Barber & James Pierson, still ordred to speake to Elizabeth Merry; they forbearing till this Meeting for some reasons.

Timothy Brogdin giving account to this Meeting that he hath not yet come to a full understanding aboute the Tyth Rent demainded for his houses in Hallyfax, he is desired to acquaint this Meeting further therewith according to proseeding therein.

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The persons ordred to examine the difrance betwixt Timo. Brogdin & Richd. Armistead met upon the same & heard the matter on both sides; & upon their discorce did judg that both sides had beene to blame in discorses & hardness one towards another, and Richard seemed sory that such difrance should happen, & they are desired by this meeting, for the future to acct more cautiously & lett Love & good will grow in them one towards another; & Timothy is ordred to burn all his papers which he promises to doe, & what is past is not againe to be brought up on eather side; this they both agree to be for this Meeting.

Abraham Leadger appearing at this Meeting acknowledged openly what was charged against him relating to his being drunk, saying he is sory for the same. This meeting desires him to draw up something in writing to cleare Truth & condem himselfe with the fact, & bring the same to Wm. Readshaw & Aaron Atkinson betwixt & this day weeke.

Farnley
Robert Arthington gave account that he spoake to Andrew Abbot & he promised to appeare at this Meeting, but he not appearing, Robt. Aarthington & Wm. Jackson is ordred to know his reason, why he came not, as allso to discorce him in what other matters they may see meete, & desire him to appeare at next preparative Meeting.

Poore
Ordred that Wm. Readshaw & Robt. Arthington consither who is fit to give the money to that was left by Tho. Bond to this Meeting.[35]

[p. 120] Affairs of Church
Richd. Armistead & Wm. Cowell having formerly beene appoynted by the Mo: Meeting to examin into the conduct of friends in particuler, & they having in some measure proseeded therein, but the matter seeming weighty, they desire some other friends assistance, that they may visset

friends from house to house. Soe this Meeting, thinking their request reasonable, orders that Joshua Barber, Joshua North & Bena: Hornor accompany them.

Leeds preparative Meeting the 26th 6th mo: [August] 1702

Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting: Halyfax Stephen Elbeck & Josa: North
both appeared

James Pearson & Josa: Barber gave account to this Meeting that they have spoake to Eliz: Merry & finds her a weake shattred wooman, & her words not consistant with Truth, or with themselves. Soe they leave her to the further consitheration of this Meeting.

Elizabeth Merry having appeared at this Meeting, was discorced aboute her appearing in publick in our Meetings of Worshipp, & was desired for the future to forbeare (as shee had beene privately admonished time after time), but instead of taking the advice of friends, she fell into extravigent reflections & uncomly speeches, wholy refusing the advice of this Meeting.

Carlton
Easter Thompson having lade before us her desire of g[o]ing to London, to service; (her father & mother being present declared their willingness). Aaron Atkinson ordred to draw a certificate for her & the same to be sent to the Mo: Meeting for their concurance.[36]

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Abraham Ledgard ofring a paper to this Meeting of acknowledgment of what was lade against him in a former[37] preparative Meeting; which said paper is ordred to be recorded & he received into unity as he answers the same in life & conversation.

Farnley
Andrew Abbott appearing at this meeting declared his willingness to give Friends what satisfaction he can relating to his concernes, soe Robt. Arthington & Wm. Jackson is ordred to take his account & bring the same to the next preparative Meeting, giving him advice as they see meete.

Jno. Smith acquainted this meeting with his dissatisfaction about Wm.

[35] Thomas Bond, late overseer in Bradford meeting, gave £1 each to Mankinholes, Halifax, Brighouse and Leeds meetings (see Q1, 131; 23 June 1702).
[36] Certificate signed, 28 Aug 1702 (Q1, 133).
[37] paper *deleted.*

Cowell & Richd. Armisteads discorsing with him, which matter is referd to the next preparative Meeting.

Births, burialls & marrages calld. & brought in.

Collection made for the use of Friends & sent to the Month Meeting by Joshua North £ 2 : 3s. : 6d.[38]

Friends Whereas I Abraham Ledgard of Leeds, having gone amongst the people of god calld quakers for some years & have not walked soe closely & orderly & carefully as I ought to have done, but hath beene seene to be overtaken with strong drink to the great dishonour of our godly profession, & for soe doing confess myselfe very much to blame eaven to the shame & confution of my face, yet hoping through the strength & power of the Lord never to comit the like evell againe, but by taking heede to the good Spirit of[39] the Lord & of its guidance, that true repentance & forsaking of the same faviour with the Lord may be obtaned, & a true union & fellowshipp with his people againe; which is the reale breathing & harty desire of your trubled Friend
3d 6th mo: 1702 Abraham Ledger

[p. 122] Leeds preparative Meeting the 16th 7th mo. [September] 1702
Friends appoynted to attend the Mo: Meeting at Thomas Greens is Joshua Barber & Wm. Benson of Armley;
both appeared.

Farnley
Robt. Arthington giving account to this Meeting that they have not yet gon through the matter concerning Andrew Abbot; they are still desired to answer what was refered to them the last preparative Meeting; the paper which he hath sent to this Meeting not giving full satisfaction in severall particulers: an answer expected at the next preparative Meeting.

Workley
John Smith being gon from home, the complaint formerly made by him refered to the next preparative Meeting.

births &c. cald.

Leeds preparative Meeting the 16th 8 mo. [October] 1702
Friends appoynted to attend the Mo. Meeting at Robert Cowlings is Wm. Cowell & Robert Eastburn;
both appeared.

Farnley
Wm. Jackson & Robt: Arthington brought an account in writing to this Meeting concerning Andrew Abbot; & its expected according to his

proposall in the said paper that he give a further account when he hath beene to visset his wife & childeren.

Workley
Jno. Smith not yet appearing, the matter formerly mentiond refered.

Tyth
Ordred that all Masters of famelyes on 11th 9th month to give account relating to Tyth, & that Wm. Readshaw doe acquaint Friends therewith on first day before.[40]

Births &c. calld.

[p. 123] Leeds preparative Meeting 25th 9th mo: [November] 1702
Friends appoynted to attend the Mo. Meeting at Rasterick is Benjamin Hornor & Aaron Atkinson;
both appeared.

Collection made for the use of the Yearly Meeting at London & sent to the Month Meeting by Benjamin Hornor £ 2 :: 17s :: 6d.[41]

Workley
This day Jno. Smith's complaint against Wm. Cowell and Richd. Armistead was under consitheration & both parties heard; & according to our sence, we doe not find that the said Wm. Cowell & Richd. Armistead was to blame in speaking to Jno. Soe Jno. Smith is ordred by this Meeting to let the matter fall, & labour to let Love & Charity grow in his mind more & more, & if Wm. & Richard hapned in aney respect to be to[o] hott (as Jno. saith) wee desire that in all such concernes they may labour to keepe in the wisdom of god & spirit of meekeness.

Hunslit
Jno. Parker was discorsed aboute his not fully taking Friends advise but continuing to buy goods. Soe Stepn. Elbeck, Joshua North, Robert Arthington, Wm. Cowell & Benjamin Hornor or aney 4 of them doe further discorce him in the matter & bring account to the next preparative Meeting.

Marrages &c. calld.

[38] See Q1, 133.
[39] god *deleted.*
[40] The M.M. minute of 27 Nov 1702 concerning Friends' clearness of tithes reads: 'It is desired that the representatives of each monthly meeting take care to aquent the meeting to which they belong, of the method that Leeds meeting is in of bringing a perticular account of Friends clearness of tythes, steeple house lays & priest wages, & their testimonies against them.' (Q1, 136).
[41] See Q1, 135, 136.

[p. 124] Leeds preparative Meeting the 23d Xth mo: [December] 1702
Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo. Meeting at Brighouse is Richard Armitstead & Jno. North.

Jno. Barker desired to appeare at the next preparative Meeting to give account relating to Tyth.

Hunslet
Wm. Cowell gave account that they had spoake with John Parker; but have not gon fully through the matter; soe they are desired to goe throug with the said matter, & bring account to the next preparative Meeting; & if they request aney friends to their assistance this Meeting grants them libourty.

Holbeck
James Peirson giving account to this Meeting that Ann Siddall house thach was blown down by the wind, soe that shee wass forced to goe to her sonns; soe James Peirson & Jno. & Joshua North is desired to assist her in a settlement & bring account what they have done to the next preparative Meeting.

against Observation of days
Friends of this Meeting having under their serious concitheration the observation of days & times sett up in the times of darkness & ignorance; which since wee weare a people wee have born Testemony against: but whereas some amongst us have not beene soe cleare in their tastamoney against the observation thereof as they ought: Therefore[42] in the Love of god & zeale for the Truth wee advise all friends of our Meeting that they be zealous in their Testamony against the houlding up of such days. [p. 125] And that they keepe their servants at work, as also that they doe not goe themselves nor suffer their servants to visset their relations at such times, but rather take other oppertunitys.

Marrages &c. cald.

Leeds preparative Meeting 27th XIth mo: [January] 1702
Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting at Hallyfax is John Gott & Thomas Benson.

Tyth
Jno. Barker appeared: & not being full cleare aboute Steeplehouse Tax is advised.

Hunslit
Wm. Cowell gives account that according to order at last preparative meeting they had more fully examined the concernes of Jno. Parker, &

finds a nesscsity for him to give over his trade & pay his debts as far as his efects will reach, & that they have accordingly advised him & expect his performance. Soe friends at[43] this Meeting still refer the matter to the persons formerly ordred, requesting John to take their advise, & send for his unkle according[44] as formerly advised.

Holbeck

Joshua North gave account to this Meeting that according to order at last preparative Meeting they had agreed with the landlord of Ann Siddall to repaire her house, he to have 8s. per yeare instead of the auntient rent of 4s. that said Ann mite goe in to her owne house againe, another place not being found to her & friends satisfaction. Soe this Meeting desireth the said James Person, Jno. & Josa. North to hast the repairs [to] said house & give account at next preparative meeting.

Ordred that the Mo: M: be acquainted that 12s. 6d. is paid for Alex. Hartley rent & [*illegible*] of them.[45]

[p. 126] B H accounts

Ordred that John Arthington, Joshua North, Thomas Benson, Wm. Jackson, Wm. Pycock, Richard Armitstead & Wm. Pycock[46] doe examine & take the accounts of Benjamin Hornor & give an account at the next preparative Meeting, or aney 4 of them.

Poore

Received from the Mo: Meeting 8s. being the gift of Wm. Peirson to poore friends as a super added comfort; which was disposed of by order of this[47] Meeting.

Marrages birth & burialls calld.

Leeds preparative Meeting the 24th 12th mo: [February] 1702

Friends appoynted to attend the Mo: Meeting at Hallyfax is Jno. Sykes & Benja: Ledgard.

Hunslit

The matter of Jno. Parker, still refered to the persons formerly ordred & Jno. Smith & Samll. Dickenson desired to assist him in making an end with Jno. Godly.

[42] The original reading was: It is therefore the advice of Friends at this Meeting . . .

[43] *Amended from* of.

[44] *Originally read* accordingly.

[45] M.M. 29 Jan 1703, paid 12s. 6d. for Alex. Hartley rent (Q1, 138).

[46] Name repeated.

[47] *Reads:* of ye this.

Holbeck
The matter of Ann Siddall still refered to persons formerly ordred.

Benjamin Hornor accounts refered to the next preparative Meeting.

Morley
Friends at this Meeting having under their serious consitheration the matter of Wm. Benson of Morley dryving away a cow with his owne, that was not his, which foolishness hath brought truble on honest friends & some scandall upon the blessed truth. And whereas our Meeting is kept at his house, it hath brought exersize on[48] friends in soe much that it is not thought [p. 127] thought meete to continue the said Meeting there. Soe it is agreed that the next Meeting that in coars falls at Morley be this time at the Meeting house at Leeds, & that Friends generaly meete at our next preparative Meeting, to fully consither thereof.

Marrages, births & burialls calld.

Leeds preparative Meeting the 24th 1st mo: [March] 1702/3
Friends appoynted to attend the Mo: Meeting at Thomas Greens is Wm. Pycock & Jno. Arthington.

Hunslit
The matter of Jno. Parker stil refered, as also Samll: Dickenson & Jno. Smith desired to make an end with Jno. Godly on the 8th of 2d Mo: & give account at our next preparative Meeting.

The accounts of Benjamin Hornor still refered & the persons that [were] ordered to take them [are] desired not to defer the taking of them.

Holbeck
James Pierson gives account to this Meeting that they have got Ann Siddall house repared & shee is gon into it.

Meeting
Ordred that the Meeting be at Stepn. Elbecks at Workley on the first first day of next month.

Morley
The matter of Wm. Benson being further consithered of in the wisdom of Truth, & doe still find the matter for condemnation, soe desirs in the Love of god that the said Wm. Benson doe condem the offence & cleare the Truth as much as in him lyeth.

[p. 128] Hilhouse banck
Abraham Kendall desiring assistance of this Meeting in dischar[g]ing

some accounts owing at Rothwell Goale, Wm. Cowell & Rich: Armitstead is desired to assist him therein.

Marrages, births & burialls cald.

Leeds preparative Meeting the 28th 2d mo: [April] 1703

Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting at Robt: Cowlings is Wm. Dickinson & Benja. Hornor.

The matter of Jno. Parker refered.

A collection made for the use of the poore & sent to the Mo: Meeting by Wm. Dickenson is £ 2: 6s. 6d.[49]

Meeting accts. with B H

The persons ordred to take the accounts of Benjamin Hornor give account that they have examined the same & finds due to Benja. Hornor £ 3 : 5s : 6d. Soe it is agreed that he be reimburst by a Collection, but wee understanding that there will be a Collection ordred for the Quarterly Meeting this month, doe think it proper that this be referd to the next month.

Meeting house accounts with R.A. & B.H.

Ordred that Wm. Cowell, Wm. Dickenson, Wm. Jackson, Joshua North, Benja: Ledgard, Timo. Brogdin & Richd. Armitstead, or aney 4 of them, doe meete upon the 10th next month at Robt. Arthingtons to take the accounts of Robt. Arthington & Benjam. Hornor relating to the Meeting house, & that the persons soe ordred doe likewise consither aboute repairs of Buring place at Morley.

Morley

The matter of Wm. Bensons refered to the next preparative Meeting & he is still desired to make his acknowledgment, to give friends satisfaction according to the matter of fact.

[p. 129] Hilhouse bancks Rothwell Goale

Wm. Cowell gives account to this Meeting that according to the desire of Friends they have assisted Ab: Kendall, & gon through the matter, the Goaler refering the Fees to them to give him what they pleased.

Farnley

Jno. Denton lying before this meeting his intention of marrage with Mary Craven of Bradford Meeting, he is left to his freedom in the wisdom of Truth to lye it before the Monthly Meeting.[50]

[48] honest *deleted.*
[49] See Q1, 142.
[50] See Q1, 142, 143, 145.

Leeds preparative Meeting the 26th 3d Mo. [May] 1703

Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting at Joshua Laycocks is Henry Thompson & Joshua Arthington.

Collection made for the use of the Quarterly Meeting & sent to the Mo: Meeting by Henry Thompson is £4 : 8 : 0.[51]

Matter of Jno. Parker refered.

Friends that were appoynted to take the accounts of Robt. Arthington & Benja: Hornor give account to this Meeting that they have examined the same & find due to them £ 2 1s. 10d. which, with £ 3 : 5 : 6 due to Benja: Hornor in his accounts formerly taken is £5 : 7 : 4. Soe it is agreed by friends at this Meeting that a Trible Collection be made; & that it be worded to the Meeting by Robert Arthington.

[p. 130] Morley: Buring place

Ordred that Robt. Arthington, Joseph Dickenson & Samll. Dickenson take care to get the wall made up aboute the buring place at Morley with expedition.

Morley

The matter relating to Wm. Benson of Morley was againe discorsed & he is still desired to acknowledg his offence in wrighting & bring the same to the next preparative Meeting.

Mathew Webster of Selby Meeting lying before us his intentions of marrage with Sarah Kendall of this Meeting; he is left to his libourty in the wisdom of Truth to lye the same before the Mo: Meeting.[52]

[p. 131] the 9th 4 mo. 1703

I Wm. Benson of Morley doe acknowledg my wrong in driving away a cow that was not my owne, & is sory for it, & doth declare in this Meeting I had noe designe in my mind to wrong the man of his cow; but supp[o]sing my owne to be before me, which I had lost & was seeking after at the same time.

Witness my hand William Benson

Leeds preparative Meeting the 9th 4th mo. [June] 1703

Friends to attend the Monthly Meeting at Leeds William Readshaw & Robert Arthington.

Hunslet

Jno. Smith is desired to speake[53] further to John Godly relating to Jno. Parker.

Ordred that the Collection for the reemburssment of Robt. Arthington & Benja. Hornor be spoake of at the next first day Meeting, that it may be made the first day after.

Leeds Hunslet
Some difrance seeming to arrise betwixt Joshu Wilson & Eliz: Wilson, her son & daughter, aboute the Title of an house within Holbeck formerly the house of Vincent Wilson father of the said Joshua Wilson; which difrance is by this Meeting appoynted to be heard by Rob: Arthington, Ben: Hornor, Wm. Cowell, Richd. Armitstead & Rob: Peart all indifrantly elected to heare the matters alleaged & report the same to this Meeting, & to meete at the Meeting house on or before the Xth day of next month.[54]

Marrages &c. calld.

[p. 132] Leeds preparative Meeting 28th 5th mo: [July] 1703
Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting at Mankingholes is Hannania Elbeck & Samll. Crowther.

Jno. Parker
The matter of Jno. Parker being not yet gon through, Jno. Smith is desired still to indeaviour to bring the matter to a conclewtion with Jno. Godley.

The Collection for reembursment of Robt. Arthington & Benja. Hornor on account of Meeting house with other charges, was brought in, which amounts to £ 6 : 17s : 0d. & paid.

Robt. Arthington, Benja: Hornor, Wm. Cowell, Robt. Peart & Richd. Armistead gives account to this Meeting that they heard the Alligations of Jos. Wilson & saw the accounts & wrightings relating thereto & according to their understanding & as it appears to them they cannot find that the said Josa: Wilson hath aney right to the said house.

Sleeping
This Meeting having under their consitheration the exersize that attends our Meeting by divers friends giving way to sleepe in the said Meetings. Soe this Meeting doth appoynt Wm. Readshaw & Samll. Hulley to take care to speake to such friends in order to bring them of[f] the said practices.

Marrages, births & burialls cald. to be regesterd.

[51] See Q1, 143.
[52] See Q1, 143, 144, 145.
[53] Written 'sepeake'; the word is also repeated (and deleted) before the name of John Godly.
[54] This minute is immediately preceded by the deleted words: Joshua Wilson lying before this Meeting his desire of satisfaction how . . .

[p. 133] Leeds preparative Meeting the 25th 6 mo. [August] 1703
Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: meeting at Halifax is Joshua North & Stephen Elbeck.

Hunslet
The matter of John Parker being againe under consitheration, it is still desired that Jno. Smith, Samll. Dickenson & Benja. Hornor doe assist him to agree with Jno. Godly; that the same may be brought to an end.

George Hornor this day publishing his intention of marrage with Elizabeth Peirson (both members of our Meeting), they are left to their freedom to lye the same before the Monthly Meeting in order for their concurance therewith.[55]

No. of books to be taken
Ordred that Wm. Readshaw & Jno. Arthington doe take account of the number & title of all the books kept in the Meeting house, & bring the same to the next preparative Meeting.

A collection made for the use of the poore & sent to the Monthly meeting by Joshua North £ 2 : 4s. : 6d.[56]

Friends at this Meeting having under their serious consitheration severall weighty matters[57] relating to good order, which may be to large, to be fully gon through here: soe this Meeting doth make choyce of an[d] appoynt Wm. Readshaw, Robt. Arthington, Henry Thompson, Aaron Atkinson, Benja: Hornor, Richd. Armistead, Wm. Cowell, Josa. North, Stepn. Elbeck, Wm. or Saml: Dickenson, Josa. North, Jno. Gott, Josa. Barber, James Peirson & Wm. Jackson to meete at the Meeting house at Leeds upon the 6th of 7th mo. next at the 10th hour to concither of the said matters in the wisdom of God, & they are desired to bring account to the next preparative Meeting.

Marrages, birth & burialls calld. to regester.

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Leeds preparative Meeting the 15th 7th mo. [September] 1703
Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting at Tho: Greens is Wm. Benson of Armley & Aaron Atkinson.

J. Parker
Jno. Smith gives account to this Meeting that according to order (at the last Meeting) they have made an end with Jno. Godly on behalf of Jno. Parker, the said Jno. Godly taking 4 peeces of cloth & £5 in money for which he gave his recept in full. & it is further the advice of Friends that the said Jno. Parker goe on with what expedition he can to discharge the

rest of his debts & give account of his proseedings therein at the next preparative Meeting.

Persons appoynted answer

Aaron Atkinson gives account to this Meeting that according to order at the last preparative Meeting the Friends appoynted mett & had under their consitheration the condition of severall Friends that was not in full unity & yet noe Testamoney found given oute against them; soe it was their sence that the friends ordred to visset famelys should deale with them in the wisdom of Truth, as also they desired that Robt. Arthington & Aaron Atkinson be added to the said friends, and Stephen Elbeck. To which this Meeting gives their approbation, desiring that the Friends may proseede therein & give account to a following preparative Meeting.

Wm. Cowell & Richd. Armistead having heard that Jno. Musgrave made sute to a wooman in order to marrage that was not of our Society, which brought a concerne upon them to deale with him, & upon their soe dealing he owned the same, [p. 135] And not withstanding their & others advice he seemed to goe wilfully on with the same, & being desired to appeare at this Meeting, he sent a letter intimating his intention not to appeare; & his resolution to goe on with the said matter. Soe it is the sence of this Meeting that a Testamoney be given oute against him, & in order thereto, is ordred to be lade before the Mo. Meeting.[58]

Pressilla Fearnley acquainting this Meeting that shee hath a purpose to goe to Chesterfield as a servant to Joseph Storrs, desires a certificate; soe wee understanding that it is with concent of parents &c. shee is left to her libourty to request the same at the Mothly Meeting.[59]

Ordred at this Meeting that Wm. Cowell, Wm. Pycock & Richard Armistead doe inspect into the condition of George Hornor relating to his setling in a trade, & bring an account to our next preparative Meeting.

Mariages, births & burialls calld. in order to be regesterd.

[55] See Q1, 146, 148, 150.

[56] See Q1, 146.

[57] These two words are repeated, and the repetition deleted.

[58] M.M. referred the matter back to Leeds Friends to take action and report (17 Sept 1703; Q1, 148).

[59] Certificate signed at M.M. 17 Sept 1703 (Q1, 148).

[p. 136] Leeds preparative Meeting the 27th 8th mo: [October] 1703
Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting is Wm. Cowell & Robert Eastburn.

Jno. Parker
John Parker gives account to this Meeting that he hath calld in what money he well can at present in order to discharge his debts, which he is free to doe as far as his efects will reach, intending to doe more as he eather gets in debts or earns money. Soe it is the request of Friends that he perform the same with what expedition he can, & Richd. Armistead is desired to give his unkle an account of the concernes, & desire his answer.

Workley
The matter of Jno. Musgrave being lade before the Monthly Meeting, they recomended the matter back to this Meeting. Soe Richard Armistead & Joshua Arthington is ordred to draw up Friends Testamony against him & his proseedings, & carry the same to the next Monthly Meeting for their concurance.[60]

Wm. Cowell gives account to this Meeting that according to request of Friends at last preparative Meeting they inspected into the condition of George Hornor, and thinks meete he should goe on with his trade. They also gave him advise relating thereto, which he seemed to be willing to take verry acceptably.

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Joshua Arthington having lade before this Meeting his intentions of marrage with Deborah Moore (a Member of York Monthly Meeting) & it appearing by note from her that it was with her concent, he having also concent of relations is left to his libourty to lye the same before the Month Meeting, as in the wisdom of Truth is seene meete.[61]

Marrages, births & burialls cald in order to be regestred.

Leeds preparative Meeting the 24th 9th mo: [November] 1703
aboute J: Parker
Richard Armitstead gives account to this Meeting that acording to the desire of Friends he writt to John Parkers unkle aboute the concerns of the said Jno. but as yet hath had noe answer.

It is agreed at this Meeting that if Miles Walker incline to teach in Leeds, he may have the Meeting house to teach in if he see meete.

Tyths
Ordred that the Meeting for Friends to give their account relating to

Tyth be next 4th day, & that Friends gather at the 10th oure; also notice be give thereof at the next 1st days meeting.

Marrages, burths & burialls calld. & brought in.

Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Rasterick is Jno. Cowell & Benja. Hornor.

[p. 138] J. A. [Joshua Arthington]

Coppe

Whereas John Musgrave of Workley hath for some time frequented our Meetings & made some profession with us of the blessed Truth, yet not duly regarding the Devine principle of truth which he made some profession of, nor the tender advise of honest friends, & contrary to his profession hath falln away, & in an a[i]ry loose spirit hath joyned himself in mariage with one that is not of our Sociaty; all which is contrary to our principle & practice, wherefore in good contience wee ye people of god calld in scorn Quakers, not knowing into what further ungodliness that loose spiritt may leade him, can doe noe less than deny him, to be of Our Society, notwithstanding it is our harty desire he may through trew repentance find mercy in the day of the Lord.

From our Monthly Meeting
Belonging Brighouse
the 29th 8th mo: 1703.

Debrah Winn
Edna Walker
Judeth Hird
Eliz: Holm
Susanna Barret
Grace Bond
Marth Cowling

Jno. Atkinson
Ab: Barret
Hugh Jackson
Jno. Cooper
Samll. Grimshaw
Rich. Raynerd

Signed in behalf of our said Meeting by

Wm. Jowet
Josua Barber
Jno. Elam
Wm. Cowell
Rob: Eastburn
Richd. Lawson

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Leeds preparative Meetiñg 22d Xth mo: [December] 1703

Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Brighouse is Richd: Armitstead & John North.

J: Parker Workey

Richard Armitstead gives account that he hath yet noe answer from Ed: Hayhurst (Jno. Parkers uncle).

Hilhous bank

Orderd that Robert Arthington speake to the prosicutors of Jno. Cowell lying his condition before them, urging them to set him at

[60] For the paper of denial against John Musgrave of Wortley see Q1, 150, 151. Paper dated 28th of 9th month, in error.

[61] See Q1, 150, 152.

libourty, & that if Robert desire aney Friend to goe with him, they are desired to answer him therein & bring account to the next preparative Meeting.

Collection made for the use of the pore & sent to the Mo. Meeting by Richd. Armitstead £ 2 : 11s : 6d.[62]

Woomans Meetings

Having under our consitheration the Woomans Meeting being held at York 3 times in the yeare: it is our sence at this our Meeting, that the woomen ought not to be stratned, but encoraged in their said Meetings, and that they continue them 3 times in the yeare at least at York for the county.[63]

Ordred that Benja: Hornor doe buy a booke for the Women at their Preparative meeting; to record their disbursments to the poore & other things that may be seen meete.[64]

Marrages, births & burialls cald & brought in.

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Leeds preparative Meeting the 26th XIth Mo: [January] 1703

Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting at Hallyfax is Thomas Benson & John Gott.

Jno. Parker

Richard Armitstead gives account to this Meeting that he hath received a letter from Ed: Hayhurst which was read in this Meeting wherein the said Edward seems uneasie that he hath not received his debt from Jno. Parker as well as[65] some other persons which said Jno. hath paid. Now whereas wee find upon record in our Meeting booke that Jno. was ordred to send for his unkle upon his giv[i]ng over his trade, but he not coming & yet being uneasie as above said: Richd. Armitstead is desired againe to wright to him to come over betwixt & latter end of first Month that there may be a better understanding of the matter.

Jno. Cowell

Robert Arthington gives account to this meeting that he hath made some progresse in the matter commited to him relating to Jno. Cowell, but not having fully gon through with it, desires more time, which this Meeting is willing to, desiring his care therein.

Holbeck

Richd. Armitstead & Wm. Cowell having lade before this Meeting the condition of Mary Kendall of Holbeck, & that there is a nessesaty for friends assistance to sitt up with her; soe it is agreed that Friends take care accordingly.

Workley
Henry Thompson of Workley having lade before this Meeting his intention of setting up the trade of a skinner, which he was apprentice to before a clothyer; soe Friends of this Meeting appoynts Rob: Arthington, Jno. Smith, Joshua North & Stephen Elbeck to consither thereof & advise him as in the wisdom of Truth is seene meete, & give account at our next preparative Meeting.

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Joshua Barber lying before this meeting that he for some time hath had a weighty concerne upon his mind to visset Friends in their Meetings in Lancishshire;[66] friends of this Meeting being willing that he should answer the same doe leave him to his freedom in acquainting the Mo: Meeting as in the wisdom of the Lord he sees meete.[67]

Marrages, births & burialls cald.

Leeds preparative meeting the 23d 12th mo: [February] 1703
Friends appoynted to attend the Mo: Meeting at Joshua Laycocks is Wm. Pycock & Benjamin Hornor.

Wortley
Stepn. Elbeck gives account to this Meeting that they have not gon through with that mater relating to Henry Thompson as was desired; soe this Meeting still desires that they may consither & advise as formerly desired, & give account at the next preparative Meeting.

Account of what this Meeting is willing to take of George Fox doctrinall books

Robt. Arthington	one	7 books[68]
Samll. Dickenson	one	
Wm. Cowell	one	
Josa. Arthington	one	
Henry Thompson	one	
Benja: Hornor	one	
Joshua North	one	

[62] See Q1, 155.
[63] Consideration taken in response to M.M. suggestion of 26 Nov 1703 (Q1, 152). M.M. endorsed the Leeds view of the matter, 24 Dec 1703 (Q1, 154).
[64] The volume now numbered E22 in Carlton Hill Archives.
[65] as well as *repeated.*
[66] which *deleted.*
[67] M.M. granted a certificate to visit 'Friends meetings in Lancastershire & Westmoorland' (Q1, 155; 28 Jan 1704).
[68] M.M. 10 March 1704, agreed to take 28 copies in all (Q1, 157).

Collection made for the use of the Quarterly Meeting & sent to the Mo. Meeting by Wm. Pycock £ 3 : 10 : 6.[69]

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Elizabeth Merry having beene heretofore both publickly & privately beene delt with for her disorderly behaver in publick appearing in our Meeting in great confution, to the great dissatisfaction of Friends from time to time, to the truble of our Meeting; & notwithstanding all our advise, she doth opstanately continue her trublesome behaviour as aforesaid, therefore friends at this Meeting doth still unanimously[70] declare their disunity with her, in her unruliness as aforesaid, & doe order that the matter be lade before the Mo: Meeting, shee having notice thereof.[71]

Jno. Parker
Richd. Armitstead gives account that he hath writt to Ed: Hayhurst to come over the latter end of 2d month.

Jno. Cowell
Robt: Arthington still desired to continue his care relating to Jno. Cowell.

Ordred that the bulding of a stable be consithred of till the next preparative Meeting.[72]

The matter of Is: Fearnley keeping company with a loose man was under consitheration of this Meeting, soe Richd. Armistead & Wm. Cowell ordred to joyne with the Woomen to deale with her further as in the wisdom of Truth is seene meete.[73]

Robt: Hodgshon haveing lade before this Meeting his Intention of removing to Knaisbrough M: Meeting is left to his freedom to lye it before the Mo: Meeting for a certificate.

Marrages &c. calld.

[p. 143] Leeds preparative Meeting the 28th 1st Mo: [March] 1704.
Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting at Thos: Greens is Henry Thompson & Samll. Dickenson.

Wortley
The matter relating to Henry Thompson being not yet gon through, the persons formerly ordred to advise with him is desired to doe the same, & give account at the next preparative Meeting.

Jno. Cowell
Robt. Arthington is still desired to continue his care relating to the releasement of Jno. Cowell.

The matter of building a stable at Leeds Meeting-house refered to be consithered of, betwixt & the next preparative Meeting.

Richd. Armitstead gives account that according to the appoyntment of Friends at last preparative Meeting they have (togeather with the Woomen) delt with Issabell Fearnley, & that the Woomen hath it yet under their care.

Leeds Pensalvania

A letter being read at this Meeting of a complaint from Jno. Eastburn of Penselvania, against Robert Eastburn in relation to his part of some land & money. This Meeting doth appoynt Robt. Arthington, Richd. Armitstead, Aaron Atkinson, Benja: Horner & Samll. Dickenson, to fully examine into the matter & give account at the next preparative Meeting.

[p. 144] Armley

Garvis Ealam having lade before this Meeting his intentions of setting up his trade of a clothyer; soe this Meeting doth appoynt Joshu. North, Stephen Elbeck, Wm. Benson & Benja. Hornor, to concither thereof, & advise him, as is seene meete, & give account to the next preparative Meeting.

Marrages, births to be regestred calld for.

Leeds Preparative Meeting the 26 of 2d Month [April] 1704.

Friends appointed to attend the next month Meeting are Robt. Arthington & Wm. Jackson.

Workley

Joshua North gives account at this meeting that he with the rest appointed have discous'd Henry Thompson of Workley according to

[69] See Q1, 156.

[70] agree *deleted.*

[71] M.M. 25 Feb 1704: 'Leeds Friends makeing their complaint to this meeting that Eliz: Merry, a woman that frequents their meeting, imposes upon them in a publick manner very disorderly, & confusedly, to their great dissatisfaction — they haveing delt with her both privatly & publickly: but she not regarding: this meeting doth appoint Abram. Jowett & Robt. Walker to goe & speak with her; & if she doe not give them satisfaction, that they give her notice to appear att the next monthly meeting'. (Q1, 156).
This was done, and next month Leeds Friends reported that she had been silent in their meetings since. (Q1, 157).

[72] This minute is to be considered in relation to the Brighouse M.M. concern to have monthly meetings held in the public meeting houses rather than in Friends' private houses. Stabling for horses would be necessary at such times, as well as more frequently for travelling ministers. (Q1, 154, 158).

[73] See E22, 7: minute of Leeds Preparative Meeting of Women Friends, 8 March 1704, concerning Isabel Fearnley and Joseph Binns, with a copy of a letter from her to John Binns, father of Joseph.

the request of Friends of this Meeting, and at present see no cause why he may not prosecute his designe as to the trade he proposed, provided he observe their advise therein.

Farnley

Robt. Arthington gives account to this Meeting [p. 145] that he hath discoursed the Chancellor at Yorke[74] & the Priest at Leeds[75] in relation to Jno. Cowell, and hath gott some encouragment for his releasement. Robt: is desired to continue his care therein.

The building of a stable referr'd to further consideracion.

Robt. Arthington gives an account to this meeting that he with the Friends appointed by this meeting did meet severall of Keighley Friends at Bradford in order to accommodate the concerne depending betweene Jno. Eastburne and his brother Robt. But the originall deed being a wanting, Keighley Friends, or Timothy Maude, were desired to bring a Testimoniall from under the hands of the writer of the said deed whereby might be understood the true state of the case betweene the said Jno. & Robt. Eastburne, so in the interim nothing further can be done.

Armley

The friends ordered to discourse Gervase Elam give an account that they have done according to the order of the Meeting, but after discourse with him being not fully satisfied in some things thought it meet to have recourse againe to this Meeting for further advise, and neither the said Gervase nor Wm. Benson being at this Meeting it is ordred that the aforesaid friends with Robt. Arthington, Richd. Armistead, Wm. Cowell, Wm. Jackson & Tho's Benson further discourse Gervase and give an [p. 146] account of their proceedings to the next preparative Meeting.

A letter was read in this Meeting, which letter was from Isabel Fearnley to Jno. Binns of Masham, by which she in words doth wholly give up the affair depending between herself and the said Jno. Binns's son, desireing that his said son may be acquainted with the contents of the said letter & that it may serve as a release from her to him of and from the concern aforesaid. The said letter is ordred to be kept by the Women.

Ordered by this Meeting that Wm. Cowell, Joseph Dickenson, Josha. Arthington, Stepn. Elbeck, Timothy Brogden & Jno. North do for this Meeting inspect the accounts of Benjan. Horner.

Leeds Preparative-Meeting the 24th 3d Month [May] 1704.
Friends appointed to attend the Month-meeting at Mankinholes are Sam: Crowther & Hannaniah Elbeck.

Robert Arthington gives accompt that he again did speak to the Chancellor & Priest Killingbeck on the behalf of Jno. Cowell, the said Priest seem'd more averse to the said Roberts request than formerly. Nevertheless if the said Robt. or any other friend shall have a concerne upon their minds further to speak [p. 147] the said Chancellor and Priest, they are left to their liberty therein.

The building of a stable referr'd to further consideration.

Richard Armistead gives account that he spake to Timothy M[aude] as touching the affair relating to Jno. & Robt. Eastburn's, but the said Timothy having done nothing then in the performance of that Trust, Robt. Arthington's desired to remind the said Timothy of his Trust, and of the speedy performance of the same.

Armley
Richard Armistead giveth account to this Meeting that he with other friends appointed by the last Preparative Meeting, according to their order did speak to Gervase Elam, and after advise to him by them given left him to his liberty in begining to proceed in his trade as designed.

The Collection made for the service of the poor, & sent by Sam: Crowther to the Monthly Meeting was £2 : 9s.[76]

Marriages, births, & burials call'd for, in order to be registr'd.

Joseph Dickenson & Josha. Arthington &c. give an account that they have seen, examin'd & allow'd the accounts of Benjan. Horner, having found them right stated. The Meeting is Dr. to the said Benja: Horner £3 11s. 2d. which is ordred to bee rais'd by Collection.

[p. 148] Leeds Preparative Meeting the 21st 4th month [June] 1704
Friends appointed to attend the Month Meeting at Leeds Joshua North Stephen Ellbeck.

The building of a stable s[t]ill defer'd.

[74] John Covel (1638–1722), B.A., Christ's College, Cambridge, 1658; fellow; M.A. 1661; D.D. 1679; Master, 1688; chaplain at Constantinople, 1670–76; chaplain to the Princess of Orange at the Hague, 1682–85; Chancellor of York, with prebend of Laughton en le Morven, 1687–1722. (*D.N.B.*; Venn, I, i. 406; J. Le Neve, *Fasti ecclesiae anglicanae, 1541–1857.* IV. York diocese. Comp. J. M. Horn & D. M. Smith (1975), 8.)

[75] John Killingbeck, B.D. (1650–1716), vicar of Leeds, 1690–1715; s. of John Killingbeck (mayor of Leeds, 1677); adm. 1667 Jesus College, Cambridge; ordained priest 1675; prebendary of York, 1694–1716. (Venn, I, iii. 16; R. V. Taylor, *Biographia Leodiensis* (1865), 123–8.)

[76] See Q1, 159, where the amount is given as £2 11s.

Hillhous bank

Robert Arthing[ton] giveth an account to this meeting that he did speak to Timothy Maud & hath received a Testimonaial from the writer of the deed formerly mencion'd as also a coppy of the said deed which is truly examin'd by the original. So this Meeting doth appoint Robert Arthington, Aaron Atkinson & Ben: Hornor to give an answer to the letter that came relating to the busieness aforesaid.

Order'd that a Collection be made for the reimbursing Benjan: Horner & that notice be given at a first-day-Meeting by Robt. Arthington, betwixt & next Preparative Meeting.

Collection made for the use of Tho's Thompson, he having sustained a loss by fire amounts to £ 4 — 8s. Sent to the Month meeting by Josha. North.[77]

Marriages, births & burialls call'd.

Aaron Atkinson having[78] laid before this Meeting his designe to visit friends in the South[79] East parts of this nation. Friends of this Meeting having unity therewith, leave him to his freedom of acquainting the Monthly-meeting[80] as he in the wisdom of Truth may see meet in order for having a certificate.[81]

[p. 149] Leeds Preparative meeting the 26th 5th Month [July] 1704.

Friends appointed to attend the Mo: Meeting at Hallifax are Joshua Barber & Wm. Benson of Armley.

Jno. Cowell proposing to this Meeting that the Goaler of Rothwell hath proposed to him a way to gain his liberty, by making the Significavit void. Therefore this Meeting doth desire Robt. Arthington to go with the said Jno. Cowell tomorrow and speak with the Goaler, thereby the better to understand the way he proposeth to proceed in the said matter in order that the Month Meeting may be acquainted therewith.[82]

The building of a stable referr'd.

Robt. Arthington & Benjamin Hornor give account that they have not yet drawn an answer to the letter relating to Robt. Eastburne. This Meeting desireth that an answer may be drawn against the next Preparative-Meeting.

A Collection was made according to the order of this Meeting for the reimbursing Ben: Hornor and amounteth to £ 3 : 14s — 6d. and was paid to the said Benjamin Horner.

Marriages, births and burialls call'd for & brought in.

Robt. Arthington, Richard Armistead, & Samll. Dickenson give account to this Meeting that they spake to Alexdr: Hopwood relating to the care of his mother, that she become not chargable to his sister Tabitha Jowett & he promiseth that he will come over & agree with his said sister for her table in a short time.

[p. 150] Leeds the 23rd 6th Month [August] 1704

Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo: Meeting at[83] Hallyfax is Wm. Cowell & Robt. Eastburn.

The building of a stable still referd.

Hilhouse bancks

Robt. Arthington gives account to this Meeting that they have gon through the matter of Robt. Eastburn & made some progress in writing a letter which is not yet finished. Soe this Meeting desireth them to accomplish the same, & send it with first oppertunity.

Marrages, births & burialls calld.

Beeston

William Cowell & Richd. Armitstead give account to this Meeting that Alexr. Hopwood hath beene at Leeds & promiseth eather to pay 2s. per weeke to his sister Tabith for the subsistance of his mother, or to take her to himselfe, & the payment to begin the 26th 5th month last, & to continue till five pounds be fully expended due to his mother upon Bond owing by him.

Morley

Benjamin Thackrey returning from Ireland brought a certificate, which was read in this Meeting, ordred to the Month Meeting.[84]

Gildersom

John Gott lying before this Meeting his intention of marrage with Tabitha Jawett, both members of this Meeting; they are left to their liberty of acquainting the Monthly Meeting therewith.[85]

[*an entry of some eight lines is here heavily obliterated*]

[77] See Q1, 159, 161 (amount given as £4 12s. 6d.).
[78] Word repeated.
[79] with the Lords permission *deleted.*
[80] *Written* Monthing=Meeting.
[81] See Q1, 159 (for 'some meetings on the east part of this nation').
[82] See Q1, 162, 163; Q2, 1, 2 ('it remains in the meeting for Sufferings at London').
[83] *Written:* &.
[84] Certificate recorded at M.M. 22 Dec 1704 (Q2, 4).
[85] See Q1, 163; Q2, 1, 4.

[p. 151] Leeds preparative Meeting 20th 7th Mo. [September] 1704
Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo. Meeting at Tho: Greenes Jno. Cowell & Benja. Honor.

Collection made for the use of the poore & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Benja: Hornor is £ 2 : 13s. : 6d.

Hilhouse banck
The letter formerly ordred to be writt relating to Robt. Eastburn was read in this Meeting, which was approved & ordred to be sent.

Marrages, births & burialls cald. & brought.

Leeds preparative Meeting 25th 8th Month [October] 1704
Friends appoynted to attend at the Mo. Meeting at Robt. Cowlings is Richd. Armitstead & Jno. North.

It is desired at this Meeting that all friends thats house keepers within our Meeting doe meete at the Xth houre in the forenoon on the 15th 9th month that they may give account of their sufrings for tyth & faithfullness thereto.

Beeston
Ordred that Richd. Armitstead & Josha: Arthington doe wright to Alexr: Hopwood relating to his mother, & if he give not satisfaction, that York Monthly Meeting may be writt to concerning the same.

Marrages, births & burialls calld.

[p. 152] Leeds preparative Meeting 22d 9th mo. [November] 1704
Friends appoynted to attend the Mo: Meeting at Rasterick is Jno. Gott, Richd. Armitstead & Thomas Benson.[86]

According to desire at the last preparative Meeting most of the friends of our preparative Meeting met & gave account of their Tyth, & such Friends as was absent is desired to appeare at our next preparative Meeting to give account as formerly desired.[87]

Tadcaster
According to the desire at last preparative Meeting, Richd. Armitstead gives account that he & Joshua Arthington (with some other friends) had spoake to Alexr: Hopwood, but not receiving satisfaction. Our Monthly meeting is desired to be acquainted therewith.[88]

Collection made for the use of the poore & sent to the Mo: Meeting by Tho: Benson £ 2 : 16 : 0[89]

Weeke day Meeting gathering
This Meeting having under their concitheration the Weekeday Meeting gathering at the 10th houre, it is desired that Friends consither thereof till the next preparative Meeting; unto which its referd.

Marrages, births & burialls calld & brought in.

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Leeds Preparative Meeting the 20th Xth Mo: [December] 1704.
Friends appointed to attend at the Month meeting at Brigghouse Benja: Horner & Josha: Barber.

The time of the gathering of the 4th days meeting prefix'd
According to the Minute of the last Preparative Meeting Friends having had in consideration the time of our 4th day-meeting being gathered, it is agreed to by this Meeting that for the future the Fourth-day-Meetings gather betwixt the 10th & 11th hours in the Morning, and its desired that Friends be diligent in attending the said Meetings & observing the said time.

Births, burialls & marriages call'd & brought in.

Leeds Preparative-Meeting the 24th XIth Mo: [January] 1704
Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Hallifax are Aaron Atkinson & Benja. Horner.

Upon the perusall of the names of such Friends as were willing to attend the Monthly meeting in their course, it is found that severall of the Friends so appointed are taken away, and others not of ability; whereupon this Meeting doth appoint Richd. Armistead, Wm. Cowell, Benja: Hornor & Jos: Arthington to regulate the Catalogue of Friends names &c. and bring in the said Catalogue to the next Preparative Meeting for approbation &c.

Births, marriages & burialls call'd & brought in.

According to the request of Friends at the Quarterly Meeting this [Meeting] doth appoint Wm. Cowell, Richd. Armistead, Josh. Dickenson & Stephen Ellbeck to enquire what Publick Friends first preached the Gospell and settled meetings with what else is required in a paper received from the Quarterly [Meeting] relating thereunto, that

[86] See Q2, 3. The last two are recorded as representatives.
[87] See Q2, 4 for report of Leeds sufferings £22 19s. 10d. (22 Dec 1704).
[88] See Q2, 3, 5 ('Widow Walker'). The case dragged on until 31 Aug 1705 when York M.M. accepted responsibility (Q2, 17).
[89] See Q2, 3.

thereby Friends of this Meeting may be more capable to answer the request of Friends at the Quarterly Meeting as afforesaid.[90]

[p. 154] Leeds the 21st 12th Month [February] 1704.
Friends appointed to attend at the Mo. Meeting at Hallifax are Zacharia Hopkins & Josha. Arthington.

The Collection made for the use of the poor, & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Josha. Arthington is £2–19s.–00d.[91]

The matter of the persons ordered to attend the Monthly Meeting is referr'd to the next Preparative Meeting.

The Friends ordered to enquire what Friends first publish'd the Truth in this Meeting &c. having not fully gott thro' the matter, that affair is reffer'd to the next Preparative meeting, and to be brought in in writing.

Robt. Taylor of York-Monthly Meeting acquainting this meeting with his intention of marriage with Isabel Fearnley a member of our Meeting, they are left to their freedom in lying the same before the Monthly Meeting.[92]

Marriages, births & burials call'd &c.

[p. 155] Leeds the 7th 1st Month [March] 1705.
Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Thos. Greens are Henry Thompson Junr. & Jno. Cowell Junr.

A paper being read from the Monthly Meeting relating to friends of Mankinhole's willingness to joyne to Marsden-monthly-meeting if friends with a full agreement believe it to be more for Truth's honour & the ease of friends; Ordered by this Meeting that the representatives acquaint the Monthly Meeting that wee still remain in our former sentiments that it may be both to the honour of Truuth & ease of Friends if it can be done with a full satisfaction of friends in generall of the Monthly Meeting.[93]

Paid Robt. Peart for A: Hopwood from Monthly Meeting.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd &c.

Joshua Barber lying before this Meeting the concerne that is upon his mind to visit friends-meetings in Bishoprick, Northumberland & Cumberland; this meeting leaveth him to his freedom of lying the same before the Monthly Meeting in order for the obtaining a certificate, Friends shewing their unity with him.[94]

[p. 156] Leeds Preparative-Meeting the 25th 2d Month [April] 1705.
Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Rbt. Cowlins are Miles Walker, George Horner.

Friends appointed to attend the last Monthly meeting give an account to this Meeting that the proposall of Mankinholes friends joyning with Marsden Monthly Meeting was not agreed to; but a proposall was made by some of Hallifax friends that the Monthly Meeting should divide and that Hallifax, Rushworth & Mankinholes should joyne in one Monthly Meeting, & Leeds, Brigghouse & Bradford, make another Monthly Meeting, to which this Meeting agreeth if it may be with unity and the parting be in love.[95]

Marriages, births, & burialls call'd & brought in.

Ordr'd that Rbt. Arthington, Samll. Dickenson, Josha. North, Samll. Hulley, Edwd. Hulley, Thos. Benson, Samll. Jackson or any 4 of them do for this meeting inspect the accounts of Benja. Hornor & give an account thereof to this Meeting.

The persons appointed to take the accounts of Benja. Hornor give account that they have examined the said accounts & do find them right stated, & there is due to Benja. Hornor £ 4 = 4s. = 10d. It is agreed that there be a Collection for the reimbursing him, & there being occasion for moneys for the building a wall for the Burying = place at Morley, it is desired that a Trible Collection be made & that Robt. Arthington signifie the contents hereof to the Meeting.

Ordr'd that £2 = 2s. = 00d. paid for Edmd. Catleys rent be desired from the Monthly Meeting.[96]

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Leeds Preparative meeting the 23d 3d month [May] 1705.
Richard Armistead & Hannaniah Elbeck are the Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Mankinholes.

[90] M.M. asked Benjamin Horner and Aaron Atkinson and Robert Arthington or any two of them to draw up what they have relating to the Publishers of Truth &c. in one paper in as short account as they can (9 March 1705); Benjamin Horner delivered the paper at York (27 April 1705); Q2, 8, 10.
[91] See Q2, 6.
[92] See Q2, 6, 8, 10; E22, 8.
[93] Answering a request from M.M. 23 Feb 1705 (Q2, 7).
[94] Certificate for Joshua Barber to visit Friends' meetings 'in some part of the northern counties', signed at M.M. 22 April 1705 (Q2, 10). Certificate returned 27 July 1705 (Q2, 14).
[95] See Q2, 9.
[96] £2 2s. paid 27 April 1705 (Q2, 11).

The Collection made for the use of the poor and sent to the Monthly Meeting by Hannaniah Elbeck is £2 = 15s. = 6d.[97]

Marriages, births and burialls calld for & brought in &c.

Leeds Preparative meeting the 13th 4th month [June] 1705.

Friends at this Meeting having under their consideracion the weighty service that lyeth upon Wm. Cowell & Richard Armistead, the Meeting being so large, do desire Friends to take into their serious consideration what Friends may be thought fit to be added to them as Assistants, & whether it may be expedient that the persons made choice of to be added as aforesaid be changed every quarter.

Ordered that Miles Walker & Ben: Hornor do collect some of the heads of the most weighty Minutes which came from the Quarterly meeting & bring them to the next first=day=meeting, for some friends to peruse over after the meeting, to the intent that if it[98] be thought convenient they may be proposed to the Monthly meeting in order to be read in our Preparative Meeting.

Ordered that enquiry be made at the Monthly Meeting for a Master who is a tanner &c.

Collected for the use of the Quarterly Meeting & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Benja: Ledger £4 : 5s : 6.[99]

[p. 158] Leeds Preparative Meeting the 25th 5th Month [July] 1705.

Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Hallifax is Robt: Arthington & Ben: Hornor.

Overseers

According to advice at last preparative Meeting, friends having weightily considered the matter of chusing some Friends for to assist Wm. Cowell & Rich. Armsted. in the Oversight of the affairs of the Church, & Friends according have made choyce of Samll. Hulley, Zach: Hopkins, Henry Thompson Junr. & Thomas Benson, & is agreed that they change quarterly if bee seen meet.

Severall Minits to be cald

According to order at last preparative meeting Miles Walker & Ben: Hornor having drawn up some heads of Yearly Meeting Papers was perus'd amongst some Friends on the 1st day, & at the Monthly Meeting, & was approved on.[1]

Marrages, births & burialls call'd.

Gildersom
Friends beeing given to understand that Jno. Bolland & Ellin Wainman who have for some time frequented our Meeting hath been disorderly in their carriage & married with a priest to the dishonour of our Society; so this Meeting doth appoynt Jno. Gott, Tho: Benson & Josp: Dickinson to speak to them relating thereto & give an account to our next preparative Meeting.

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Leeds Preparative Meeting the 29th 6th Month [August] 1705.
Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Hallifax is Ben: Horner & Saml: Hulley.

Gildersom
Joseph Dickinson & Tho: Benson gave account to this Meeting that they had according to order at last preparative Meeting spoken to Jno. Bolland & his wife, who seemd willing to condemn their by past miscarriage, soe its agreed that they bee desired to come to our next preparative Meeting; Joseph Dickenson & Tho: Benson is desir'd to acquaint them therewith.

Marriages, births & burialls called & brought.

A Collection was made, & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Samll. Hulley & is £ 2 : 16s : 6d.[2]

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Leeds Preparitive Meeting the 26th of 7th Mo. [September] 1705.
Friends appoynted to attend the Monthly Meeting at Liver Sidge is Jno. North & Robert Arthington.

Friends of this Meeting haveing under their consideracion the yearly accounts of Mr of Familys in relation to their sufferings & faithfullness of bearing their Testimonys against tythes, it is agreed that such Friends generally meet on the 17th day of 8th month beeing the 4th day before Preparative Meeting & that Friends be fully gathered at the 10th hour & that Robt. Arthington give Friends notice on the 1st day before.

Marriages, births & burialls calld.

[97] See Q2, 9.
[98] it *repeated.*
[99] See Q2, 12.
[1] paid pro Bookes 2s. 6d. *deleted.*
M.M. 27 July 1705 recorded: 'The Yearly & Quarterly Meeting Epistles was read, & copies of the Quarterly meeting Epistles to be sent to each particular meetings' (Q2, 13).
[2] See Q2, 16.

Gildersom

Jno. Bolland & his wife appearing at this Meeting was delt with relating to their miscariges, & they desired to acknowledge the truth & condemn their said miscariages by some lines under their hands & bring the same the next Preparative Meeting.

Zach. Hopking gave account to this meeting that Stephen Catley was married with a priest contrary to the frequent advice that he hath had from Friends to the contrary. So Zach. Hopking is ordrd to desire him to appear at our next preparative meeting that he may have the liberty to shew his reason why testimony may not be given against him for his said practices.

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Leeds Preparative Meeting the 24th 8th Month [October] 1705.

Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly=Meeting at Willm. Hollings is Stephen Ilbeck & Richd. Armistead.

According to desire at last Preparative Meeting most of the friends of our Meeting met, & gave an account of their sufferings & clearness relating to Tythes; and such friends as did not appear, are desired to be at our next Preparative Meeting to give in their account as formerly desired.

Gildersom

John Bolland & his wife not appearing at our Preparative Meeting as was desired nor giving any satisfaction to friends, it is ordered that the Month Meeting be acquainted therewith.[3]

Stephen Catley not appearing at our Preparative Meeting as was desired it's ordered that the matter be laid before the Month Meeting.[4]

Marriages, births & burialls call'd on &c.

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Collection made for the necessity of the poor & sent to the Month Meeting by Richd. Armistead.	3 =	0 =	0

[p. 162] Gildersom

Friends of Gildersom desiring a week=day Meeting, this winter, on the 5th day, once or twice in the month, amongst themselves; it is ordered, to be taken into consideration against the next Preparative Meeting.

Leeds Preparative Meeting the 28th of 9th month [November] 1705.

Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Rastrick Joshua Barber & Wm. Benson, of Armley.

Sufring
Friends Sufrings for this yeare being drawn up, its ordred to be carryed to the Monthly Meeting[6]

Marrage Leeds
Wm. Watson this day lade before us his intentions of marrage with Elizabeth Parker, both of our Meeting; are left to their libourty of lying the same before the Monthly Meeting.[7]

Marrages, births & burialls calld.

Gildersom Meeting
According to desire of Gildersom friends that a Weeke day Meeting might be granted them for this Winter, twise in a month, having beene under friends consitheration, it is agreed by friends at this Meeting, that a Meeting as aforesaid be allowed them; to be held at Gildersom Town; & that it may be soe ordred as to miss the preparative Meeting Weeke; [p. 163] also desiring that Friends of that Side be diligent in attending the said Meeting at Gildersom, and that it may not hinder them from attending the Weekeday Meeting at Leeds when the Meeting is not with them, but be diligent in attending the same, and that the forementioned Meeting gather betwixt 10th & 11 oure in the forenoon.

Leeds preparative Meeting the 19th of Xth Month [December] 1705.
Friends appoynted to attend the Monthly Meeting at Brighouse is Willm. Cowell & Robt. Eastburne.

Poor
A Collection made for the poor was sent to the Monthly Meeting by Robt. Eastburn £ 3 — 2s. — 6d.[8]

Marriages, births & burialls call'd on & brought.

Leeds Preparative Meeting the 23d XIth month [January] 1705
Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly meeting at Hallifax are Joshua North & Samll. Dickenson.

[3] See Q2, 19 (26 Oct 1705): asked to appear at next M.M. Paper of denial signed (21 Dec 1705; Q2, 23).
[4] See Q2, 19 (26 Oct 1705): Stephen Catlow summoned to appear at M.M. He did not appear (Q2, 21). Paper of denial against him (21 Dec 1705; Q2, 23).
[5] See Q2, 19. This entry is followed by an obliterated note, apparently concerning payment to Robert Arthington for books.
[6] Brought to M.M. 30 Nov 1705 (Q2, 20).
[7] See Q2, 20, 22, 24 (marriage not accomplished); E22, 10.
[8] See Q2, 22.

Marriage proposd
Miles Walker a Member of this Meeting having laid before us his intention of marriage with Ellenor Middleton a member of Kelk Monthly meeting; this Meeting leaves him to his liberty of proceeding to the monthly meeting according to Truth's order.[9]

[p. 164] marriages propos'd
Samll. Jackson a member also of this meeting, having likewise laid before us his intention of marriage with Mary Smith a Member of Balby Monthly meeting, he is left to his liberty to proceed according to the good order establish'd among us.[10]

marriages propos'd
Robt. Harryson also a Member of our Meeting, this day laid before us his intentions of marriage with Mary Tomlinson a member of Tupton Monthly meeting in Derbyshire & is left to his liberty of acquainting the month=meeting therewith.[11]

Marriages, births & burials call'd & brought in.

William Munce this day laid before us his intentions of setting up a School in Leeds. Friends having considered thereoff doth leave him to his liberty, and Benja. Hornor & Richd. Armistead is desired to assist him therein.

grave Meeting house
Thomas Pawson requesting of this meeting that the [Meeting] wo'd chuse another in his stead to make graves & keep the meeting house doors, he alledging his unfitness by old age & weakness; soe Friends not being willing to put more upon him then he is of ability to perform is willing to acquit him of the same, soe Friends finding [p. 165] that Robt. Lambert is willing to undertake the same for a time do agree that the said Robt. have the same consideration that Tho. Pawson had.

building a stable
This Meeting haveing again under their consideracion the building of a stable, desired Friends of this meeting to weigh the matter against the next preparative meeting.

Armley
Wm. Jackson Junr. acquainting this meeting that he hath an intencion of setting up his trade of a clothier, Friends of this meeting doth appoint Josha. North, Wm. Benson, Joseph Dickenson, Samll. Hulley, Zacharias Hopkings, Willm. Cowell, Benja. Hornor, or any four of them to meet to give such advice as in the wisdom of Truth may seem meet & give an account to the next Preparative meeting.

Friends of this meeting hearing a report that Emanll. Lapage's servant is with child, & lyeth it upon him, so Friends desireth Richd. Armistead to request him to appear at the next preparative Meeting.

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Leeds preparative meeting the 20th XIIth month [February] 1705

Friends appoynted to attend at the month meeting at Hallifax are Richd. Armistead & Thomas Benson.

Friends having under their consideration the building of a stable doe appoynt Robt. Arthington, Benja. Hornor, Jos: Dickenson, Wm. Birkby & Jno. Smith to consider what manner of a stable may be thought fit & the charge, & bring account to the next preparative meeting.

Richd. Armistead giveth account to this meeting that he spoke to Emanll. Lapage & desired him to appear at this meeting according to Friends request at the last preparative meeting, but he not appearing, it is ordered that the month meeting be acquainted therewith & that James Pearson, Richd. Armistead, George Hornor & Timothy Brogdin doe speak to him & acquaint him, as also endeavour to see if he will give any thing under his hand to condemn the matter, & report & send the same to the monthly meeting.[12]

Marriages, births & burials call'd over, brought &c.

Leeds preparative meeting the 27th 1st month [March] 1706

Friends appoynted to attend at the monthly meeting at Liversidge is Aaron Atkinson & Robt. Arthington.

[p. 167] Marriage

Jno. Butterfield a member of Rauden meeting publishing his intention of marriage with Eliz: Thompson daughter of Henry Thompson a member of our meeting & having consent of parents, is left to their liberty of lying the same before the monthly meeting.[13]

Stable

Friends ordered to consider the scituation & charge of a stable doth give account that they suppose the charge will be about £30, & also proposeth the manner of scituation which is liked. Soe friends of this

[9] See Q2, 24, 25, 27; E22, 10.

[10] See Q2, 26, 27; E22, 10.

[11] Robert Harrison proposing to marry Mary Tomlinson of Higham. See Q2, 24, 25; E22, 10.

[12] Emanuel Lapage sent to M.M. a paper of contrition which was rejected. A paper of condemnation was issued against him (Q2, 26, 28).

[13] See Q2, 27, 30, 33; E22, 10 (John Boterfield, Elizabeth Tomson).

meeting is desired to consider thereoff & to come to a conclusion against the next preparative meeting.

Marriages, births & burials called &c.

A meeting
Whereas a meeting was formerly allowed for old & weak persons at Leeds meeting house when the meeting fell at Farnley & Morley, & this meeting confirms the same & leaves them to their liberty of putting it in practice when they see meet.

[p. 168] Evening meeting
Friends of Leeds acquainting this meeting with their desire of having a meeting on the 6th days at even, Friends of this meeting having considered thereoff do leave Leeds Friends to their liberty therein as in the wisdom of Truth may be seen meet.

Gildersome meeting
At the request of Gildersome Friends it is agreed to that the meeting formerly mentioned to be held at Gildersom may be continued for this Summer.

Leeds Preparative meeting the 24th of the 2d month [April] 1706
Friends appointed to attend at the monthly meeting at William Hollings are Zacha. Hopkins and Joshua Arthington.

Collection made for the use of the poor and sent to the monthly meeting by Josha. Arthington is £3 : 1s. : 6d.[14]

Marriages, births & burials called over.

Account being given to friends that Priscilla Fearnley was married with a priest, & was desired to appear at this our preparative meeting, but she not appearing, it is ordered the matter be laid before the monthly meeting.[15]

bulding the stable
The matter of building a stable is referred further.

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Forasmuch as Stephen Catley son of Edmund Catley late of Middleton, having been educated among us the People of God call'd Quakers, & from his childhood hath frequented our Meetings for Worshipp; but the said Stephen after the death of his father taking indirect courses, to witt disagreeable to the practices of us the said People of God call'd Quakers, he was thereupon both[16] privately & publickly advised in severall things relating to his welfare; but notwithstanding all our good advice and counsell to the contrary he intangled himselfe with a woman not of our society, and was joyned to her in marriag by

a priest contrary to the good order used among us; so that in good conscience wee the said People call'd Quakers can do no less than Testifie against him while he remains in that spirit, and his wrong practices & disorderly walking as above; so that what he may wrongfully act in the said spirit of disorder may not be charged upon us. Nevertheless it is our desire, that the Lord may so worke upon him by his judgment as to bring him to a true repentance & amendment of life, that he may find mercy with the Lord

Richard Armistead	John Fielden
Zacharias Hopkins	Jonas Preston
Joshua Barber	Joseph Holme
Aaron Atkinson	William Hollings
Abraham Jowett	Joseph Dickenson
	Robert Arthington

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Whereas

Emanuel Lapage of Leeds in the County of York Inn-keeper hath from his childhood frequented the meetings of the people of God call'd Quakers, and made some profession with the said People, yet for want of taking due heed to that divine principle & word of Truth by which a young man may cleanse his ways he became loose in his life & conversation, insomuch that he was spoke to & delt with by the said people, but he not taking due care went on his evil actions to commit fornication with his servant, as is expressed in the annexed copy of the originall writ by himself to which we refer.

Now for the clearing of us[17] the said people of all such actions & the actours thereof, in good conscience we can do no less than bear our testimony against such unfruitfull works of darkness, & him the said Emanuell Lapage to be in unity with us untill by a godly sorrow & through true repentance we find he is redeemed out of that disorderly spirit, by which he was led to work wickedness; desiring that the Lord may visit[18] him more & more [p. 171] by his Judgments that he may find mercy in the day of the Lord.

Signed on the behalf of Brig=house monthly meeting held at Liversiedge, the 29th day of the 1st month 1706

Robt. Arthington	Miles Walker	Joseph Middleton
Richd. Armistead	John Fielden	Joseph Holme
Aaron Atkinson	Benja. Bartlet	Robt. Walker
Benja. Horner	Josha. Laycock	Richd. Reynar
Josha. Barber	Wm. Shiers	

[14] See Q2, 31.
[15] Prisilay Fearnley (now Squire) requested to appear at M.M. (26 April, 31 May 1706); testimony against her (17 June, 26 July 1706); see Q2, 30, 32, 34.
[16] both *repeated.*
[17] the Truth *deleted.*
[18] so work *deleted.*

Leeds the 21st 12th month 1706

To Friends of Leeds meeting

I Emanuel Lapage who have made profession of the blessed truth for want of taking due heed to the spirit of truth hath been led to commit fornication which is to my great trouble, & when being dealt with by Friends I did not own it but said I was clear, which now for I am ashamed & cannot well look them in the face. I do remember how the Lord hath sent his servants & often declared in our ears the blessed Truth, & hath told us the great Judgment that I do now find is due to sinne. Friends I do desire your prayers for me to the Lord for it was said the prayers of the righteous availeth much. Friends! I am under trouble yet, in my spirit, which is more than I can express with my pen. [p. 172]

Oh! Friends, the many temptations which I have seen, methinks, makes me desire that[19] all others to take heed to the Spirit of Truth, which leads into all truth, that they may be preserved from all evil. This from your troubled Friend.

Emanll. Lapage

Leeds preparative meeting the 29th of the 3d month [May] 1706

Friends appointed to attend at the monthly meeting at Mankinholes is Henry Thompson & Jno. Cowell junr.

Marriage

George North a member of our meeting, having this day laid before us his intention of marriage with Jane Walker a member of Brighouse meeting, is left to his liberty of lying the same before the monthly meeting.[20]

Marriages, births & burials called over &c.

Accts. of Benja. Hornor

Robt. Arthington, Samll. Dickenson, Wm. Dickenson, Josa. North, Wm. Cowell, Henry Thompson, Ed. Hulley, or any 4 of them orderd to take the accounts of Benja. Hornor the next 4th day & give account to the next preparative meeting.

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Leeds preparative Meeting the 12th 4th month [June] 1706

Friends appointed to attend at the monthly meeting at Leeds are Edwd. Hulley, Robt. Arthington & James Pearson.

The accounts of Benja. Hornor being taken by Friends, there resting due to him £ 2 : 11s. : 9½d.

It is agreed that a collection be made to reinburse him & Robt. Arthington ordered to word the same to the meeting the next first=day.

[21]The sum is thats soe Collected £ 2 : 18s. : 6d.

Leeds Preparative Meeting the 24th 5th month [July] 1706.
Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Hallifax are Geo: Horner & Benjamin Horner.

Gildersome
Wm. Rayner having this day laid before this Meeting his intention of marriage with Mary Scott, they are left to their liberty of acquainting the Month=Meeting therewith.[22]

Births, marriages & burialls call'd for & brought in.

Collected for the use of the poor & sent to the Monthly Meeting By Geo: Horner £ 03 : 02s. = 00 d.[23]

The affair of revisiting of families to be consider'd of against the next Preparative Meeting.[24]

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John Bolland & Ellenor Bolland haveing formerly frequented our Meetings, & reputed to be of us, but for want of watchfulness have run into many disorderly actions. We can do no less then give our Testimony against them and all their disorderly actions and disown them as members of our Society, untill it please God to work a change in them, & bring them to true repentance & amendment of their ways, which we desire they may come to before their day be over.

Signed on the behalf & by the order of our monthly meeting belonging to Brigghouse, the 21st 10th month 1705

Joshua Barber	Tho: Greene	John Fielden
Benja. Hornor	Josp: Holme	John Cowel
Richd. Armistead	Aaron Atkinson	Robt. Arthington[25]

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We whose names are hereunto subscribed for want of watchfulness & giving a due regard to the reproof & guidance of the principle of Truth in our inward parts & for want of abiding in God's holy fear where preservation is known, have suffered our selves to be led away by the Temptations of the Enemy to fulfill the sinfull lusts of the flesh, and also to go unto a Priest to be married after such a manner & form as we believe is not agreeable to God's truth we have made profession off, for which things our harts are sorrowfull, & under much trouble & perplexity untill it please the Lord to show us mercy. However, we do hereby clear the Truth we have made profession of for giving

[19] The word, perhaps imperfectly obliterated, interrupts the sense..
[20] See Q2, 31, 32, 34; E22, 10.
[21] Added in another hand.
[22] See Q2, 34, 36, 37.
[23] See Q2, 35 (Leeds collection £3 3s.).
[24] The matter was raised at M.M. 26 July 1706 (Q2, 35).
[25] See Q2, 23.

any countenance to us in any of our evil practices, and take the shame & condemnation to our selves as the just reward of our unrighteous doings.

John I B Bolland's mark
Ellinor + Bolland's mark

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Leeds preparative meeting 28th 6th month [August] 1706

Friends appoynted to attend the monthly meeting at Hallifax are Edwd. Hulley & Hananiah Elbeck.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd &c.

The visiting of families being again under the consideracion of this meeting, & having received a paper from the monthly meeting advising to the same, it's agreed at this meeting that the same be put in practice, and Friends chosen for that service are Willm. Cowell, Ricd. Armistead, Aaron Atkinson, Josa. Barber or Ed. Hulley, Robt. Arthington, Benja. Hornor, Stepn. Elbeck & Josa. North being the Friends that went the former year; this meeting thinking that if new be chosen they may be more raw in the concern.

Also this Meeting having under their consideration the advice given from the monthly & Quarterly meeting relating to the regulating of the furniture of houses, it is the general sence of this meeting that at least all such as buy any furniture into their houses, that it be plain as becometh the truth.[26]

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Leeds Preparative meeting the 18th 7th month [September] 1706

Friends appoynted to attend the monthly meeting at Liversidge are Benja. Ledger & Miles Walker.

Joshua Barber having laid before this meeting that a weighty concern hath for some time laid upon him to visit Friends in their Meetings in the West & South parts of this Nation: as Wales, Bristol, London, Norwich, & other places in his journey, and Friends, having weightily considered thereof, do leave him to his liberty of lying the same before the month Meeting.[27]

Marriages, births & burials call'd &c.

A collection made for the use of the Quarterly meeting & sent to the monthly meeting by Benja. Ledger: £3 = 3s. = 6d.[28]

Doctrinals

Money collected of the persons that subscribed for George Fox's Doctrinal books & sent to the Month Meeting by Benjamin Ledger.[29]

At the last preparative meeting it was agreed that Two Friends should be sent with Jno. Hallowell a Melancholy Man to Brigg, where he came from, & a letter with him relating thereto & the [p. 178] Charge thereof being 16s. 1d. it's ordered that Benja. Hornor do pay the same & place it to Friends accounts.

Thomas Fearnley, late apprentice with Henry Thompson, acquainting this meeting that he intends to set up his trade within Brighouse meeting, a short certificate was sent with him to the said meeting.

Friends account of Tythes &c.
Ordered that all Masters of Familys belonging this Meeting do meet the 17th 9th month 1706, to give account of their clearness in relation to Tythe &c. & that they meet about the 10th hour of the day afforesaid.

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Leeds Preparative Meeting the 23d 8th month [October] 1706.
Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly meeting at Wm. Hollings's are Robt. Arthington & Benja: Hornor.

Robt. Arthington, Aaron Atkinson & Joshua Barber gave account to this Meeting that they with the rest of Friends (appointed by this Meeting to visit the Families of Friends belonging to this Meeting) have accordingly performed that service, & that the Lord by his Divine Power & Presence was with them to the opening the hearts of Friends both to receive 'em into their houses &[30] also the advices & exhortations that opened upon the minds of Friends sent as visitors towards the visited; and that they hope things are better amongst Friends then when they[31] visited the last time. Yet some particular persons being so out of order, they thought it requisite to acquaint this meeting therewith, in order they may be admonished & dealt with according as the nature of the matter required.

One of which is Richd. Roe's daughter haveing marryed one not of our Society by a Priest. Fearing also that the parents are not fully clear thereof, do appoint Thomas Benson & Josp: Dickenson to desire the said

[26] The two items above are also found entered in the Women's meeting book, E22, 22.

[27] M.M. granted a certificate, 25 Oct 1706 (Q2, 39). Certificate returned 23 June 1707 (Q2, 54) when Joshua Barber 'gave Friends a pretty large account of his vissiting Friends in Wales, Bristoll, London & Norage'.

[28] See Q2, 38.

[29] See Q2, 38. £25 4s. sent to York for the 28 copies of George Fox's Doctrinalls subscribed for by the M.M.

[30] and *repeated.*

[31] Written 'ye'.

Richd. Roe & his wife & daughter to appear at the next preparative meeting.

Also Richd. Archer having from time to time by his disorderly practices given occasion for truth to be evil spoken of, this Meeting doth appoint Josp: Dickenson & Thomas Benson to desire him to appear at the next preparative meeting.

Marriages, births & burials call'd over &c.

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Leeds preparative meeting 27th 9th mo. [November] 1706.

Friends appoynted to attend at the monthly meeting at Rastrick are Willm. Jackson & Samll. Hulley.

According to the order of the last preparative meeting Masters & dames of families met & gave account of their Sufferings & clearness about tythe, which is ordered to be sent to the Monthly meeting.[32]

It is yet desired that Tho: Benson & Josp: Dickenson desire Richd. Roe & his wife & daughter to appear at the next preparative meeting.

Also the abovesaid persons are desired again to desire Richd. Archer to appear at the next preparative meeting.

Marriages, births & burials call'd over, &c.

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Leeds Preparative Meeting the 25th Xth Mo. [December] 1706.

Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Brigghouse are John North & Sam: Crowther.

Collection for the poor is £ 3 : 2s. : 6d. which is sent to the Monthly Meeting by Jno. North.[33]

Farnley

Wm. Jackson, son of Sarah Jackson widow, having laid before this Meeting his intention of marriage with Rachell Moorcroft of Knarzbrough Month=Meeting is left to his liberty of laying the same before the Monthly Meeting.[34]

Tong

Richard Roe appearing at this Meeting according to the desire of Friends and was discours'd about his daughter's marriage, which marriage was with one not of our Society and he acknowledged that he was short in that he did not acquaint Friends therewith. His wife did not appear, he alledging her inability; his daughter afforesaid not coming at Friends request; it is ordered by this Meeting that the affair as aforesaid relating to her be laid before the Month Meeting.[35]

Births, marriages & burialls were called &c.

Richd. Archer coming up to this meeting according to order was dealt with about his disorderly practices, which he acknowledgeth, & promiseth a reformation; and also promises to give friends further satisfaction at the next preparative meeting.

Joseph Lupton (son of Josp. Lupton) of Oulton, acquainting this meeting with his desire & intention of going to London, to follow his trade of stuff weaving, is recommended to the monthly meeting in order to obtain a certificate.[36]

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Leeds preparative meeting 29th 11th month [January] 1706.

Friends appointed to attend the monthly meeting near Hallifax are Stephen Elbeck & Jno. Gott.

Tong

Ordered that Thoms. Benson & Wm. Dickenson desire Richd. Roe's wife to come to our next preparative meeting.

Gildersom

Richd. Archer not appearing at this meeting according to his promise to give friends further satisfaction; and more reports of his misdemeanours still coming to Friends: he is again ordered to come to the next preparative meeting, & Tho: Benson & William Dickenson to acquaint him therewith.

Farnley

Friends of this meeting being acquainted with the matter of Martha daughter of Tho: Sykes of Farnley, keeping company in relacion to marriage with one not of our society; and our women Friends, as well as some men, have dealt with her from time to time in relacion thereto, but she still remaining obstinate, giving them to understand, that she intends to marry the said man, she is desired to appear at our next preparative meeting, & Robt. Arthington & Thos. Benson to acquaint her therewith.[37]

[32] See Q2, 40.

[33] See Q2, 43.

[34] See Q2, 42, 44; E22, 10.

[35] M.M. 27 Dec 1706: 'Ordred that Leeds Friends speak to Rawden Friends about Alce daughter of Rd. Roe who has married one not of our Sosiety & bring account to the next Monthly meeting.' (Q2, 43).
Rawdon Friends declined to act, and Alce (Roe) Gray was finally disowned in May 1707 (Q2, 45, 47, 49, 51–53).

[36] See Q2, 42 (certificate granted).

[37] See Women's meeting record, E22, 12, 13, 259.

A letter being received from Antho: Stoney desiring a certificate for his sister Mary Stoney, who was servant with Benja. Hornor, so it's agreed to & writ & orderd to be sent.

Marriages, births, & burials &c.

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Leeds preparative meeting the 26th 12th month [February] 1706

Friends appoynted to attend the monthly meeting near Hallifax are Wm. Benson of Armley & Samll. Hulley.

Marriage proposed

John Arthington having laid before us his intention of marriage with Sarah Fletcher of Hallifax meeting, & gave account that he proceeded according to the good order of Truth, in speaking to his & her parents first; Friends of this meeting leaves him to his liberty of acquainting the monthly meeting therewith.[38]

Gildersome

Richard Archer appearing at this meeting, was again discoursed weightily concerning his loose & evil practices and exhorted to amendment; & though he again promiseth to be more careful in his actions for the future, still Friends of this Meeting doth not find him in that frame of mind, wherein a betterment may be expected; yet that nothing may be omitted for his help, and that we may be fully clear of him, Friends do at present forbear to write against him publickly, rather desiring that he may come to true judgment in himself, which leads to repentance & amendment of life: but if he still continue his disorderly practices, it's the sence of this meeting that a publick denial must be forced to go out against him.

Farnley

Thomas Benson & Robt. Arthington gave account to this meeting, that according to the desire of Friends, they went to speak with Martha Sykes, who would not be seen with them, but afterwards sent Robt. word that she would not come to the meeting, but did intend to marry the aforesaid man; so it's ordered that the monthly meeting be acquainted therewith.[39]

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Collection made for the poor & sent to the monthly meeting by Benja. Hornor	3 : 0 : 0[40]

Marriages, births, & burials, call'd &c.

Tong
Stephen Elbeck's desired to speak to Richd. Wroe's wife to come to our next preparative meeting, Friends of this meeting being uneasie at her neglect.

acots. of B:H.
Ordered that Benja. Hornor bring his accounts to the next preparative meeting.

Leeds Preparative meeting the 26th 1st month [March] 1707.
Friends appointed to attend the Monthly meeting at Liversidge are Wm. Cowell & Robt. Eastburn.

Marriage propd.
Timothy Brogden having this day laid before us his intention of marriage with Esther Dyson of Rushfirth's Meeting & having consent of relations &c. he is left to his freedom of acquainting the Monthly meeting therewith.[41]

Marriages, births & burials call'd &c.

Tong
Richd. Wroe's wife appearing at this meeting according to the desire of Friends, gives account that she laboured with her daughter from time to time in order to have reclaimed her from being concern'd with the man that now's her husband, but could not prevail with her; & as to acquainting friends therewith, it was for want of a right understanding of friend's care in such matters: therefore Friends at this meeting do [p. 185] advise her to be more diligent in attending meetings, that she may be better acquainted with Friends concerns.

Also Friends understanding that she had paid some money in lieu of Tithe, which she confessed to, & acknowledged to be a wrong, being contrary to her own convictions; which said practice we cannot but judge & condemn to be contrary to our principles, & advise her to be more carefull for the future; and she promiseth so to doe.

The accounts of Benja. Hornor being taken, there rests due to him £ 4 : 1s. : 8d. which is ordered to be raised by a Collection; and that Robt. Arthington word the same to the Meeting.

[38] See Q2, 46, 48, 50; E22, 22.
[39] See Q2, 47, 49, 51, 52, 62, 63, 65.
[40] See Q2, 47.
[41] See Q2, 48, 50, 52; E22, 22.

Leeds preparative meeting the 23d 2d month [April] 1707

Friends appointed to attend the monthly meeting at Willm. Hollings's are Jsha. North & Wm. Dickenson.

Farnley

The matter of Martha Sykes being laid before the month=meeting according to the order of Truth, she was desired to appear at the said meeting, but she obstinately refusing, Friends at the said monthly meeting, leaves the matter of proceeding against her to this meeting. Therefore Friends at this our preparative meeting, weightily considering thereof, find it requisite that something be drawn up [p. 186] signifying our orderly dealing with her, & her obstinacy & refusal of taking Friends advice, & not forbearing to keep company in relation to marriage with one not of our Society, & our disunity with her in that spirit; so that if she go on in the same may stand as a Testimony against her; but rather desiring her to come to repentance, &c. It's ordered that Aaron Atkinson, & Josp. Dickenson, with what other Friends they desire, draw up the same & bring it to the next preparative meeting.

Marriages, births, & burials, calld &c.

Jonathan Harrison desiring a certificate by his mother, (he being gone to London without one) it's ordered that the monthly meeting be acquainted therewith.

Leeds preparative meeting the 21st 3d month [May] 1707

Friends appoynted to attend the monthly meeting at Mankingholes are Richard Armistead and Aaron Atkinson.

Farnley

Aaron Atkinson & Joseph Dickenson gives account to this meeting that [p. 187] they spoke to Martha Sykes, & she told them that she did resolve not to meddle any further with the man, that Friends had formerly dealt with her about; so they thought proper to forbear writing against her as was desired, but withall requested her to appear at this meeting; but she not coming, it's defer'd.

Collection made for the poor & sent to the Month=meeting by Richard Armistead is £ 3 : 00s. : 00d.[42]

Marriages, births, & burials call'd &c.

Certificate

According to the order of the month=meeting a certificate was drawn for Jonathan Harrison & sent to the Monthly meeting to be signed.

Leeds preparative meeting the 18th 4th month [June] 1707

Friends appointed to attend at the monthly meeting at Leeds are Willm. Cowell & Benja. Hornor.

Collection made for the Quarterly=meeting & sent to the monthly meeting by Benja. Hornor is £ 3 : 3 : 6.[43]

Wortley

Account being given to this meeting that Ezra Elbeck is about to set up his trade of clothier, [p. 188] Joshua North, John Smith, Samll. Hulley, Edward Hulley are ordered to consider thereof & advise him as they may in the wisdom of Truth see meet, and give account to the next preparative meeting.

Armley

An account being given to this meeting that Henry Thompson hath begun his trade of a clothier without acquainting this meeting (according to the good order used amongst us). Samuel Hulley is order'd to desire him to appear at our next preparative meeting.

Farnley

Willm. Jackson junr. having formerly acquainted this meeting of his intention of setting up his trade of clothier, & his father being unwilling, the matter was deferred, but now his said father declaring his willingness, the Friends formerly ordered are desird to advise him about the same as is seen meet.

Leeds preparative Meeting the 23d 5th month [July] 1707

Friends appointed to attend at the month=meeting at Hallifax are Zachr. Hopkins & Josha. Arthington.

Armley

According to order at the last meeting Henry Thompson of Armley appeared at this meet- [p. 189] ing, & acknowledged that he had done amiss in not acquainting friends when he set up the clothier trade, for which he is troubled & saith he is willing to take such advice as friends now can give him, so this meeting doth appoint William Benson, Gervase Elam, John Smith, & Stepn. Elbeck to visit him, & give him advice, as is seen meet, & give account to the next preparative meeting.

Armley

Benja. Hornor, & Samll. Hulley, gave account to this meeting, that they

[42] See Q2, 54.
[43] See Q2, 56.

were satisfied with the method of William Jackson's junr. going on in his trade.

Workley

Edwd. Hulley & Josa. North gave account to this meeting that they with other friends ordered had visited Ezra Elbeck, but he having already begun his trade, it was not so seasonable a time for their advice upon that account, yet in such matters as was seasonable they did advise him.

This Meeting (still finding the service of young men's lying timely their intentions of setting up trades before our meeting) doth again renew their desire to all such, as may be concern'd to answer the same, that as members of one body we may be helpful one to another.

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Marriages, births, & burials, call'd &c.

Proposals of nearness of kinship in relation to marriage

An account being given to this meeting that some propasals in relation to marriage betwixt Robt. Arthington junr. son of Henry Arthington & an kinswoman, whose mother & he are Second Cousins, which matter was under the weighty consideration of this Meeting; and in the weighty sence of Truth, several friends gave their judgment against the same, which is the sence of this Meeting.

Gildersome

Complaint coming still against Richd. Archer, Thomas Benson & Samll. Dickenson are desir'd to order him to appear at our next preparative Meeting.

Richard Armistead gave account to this meeting that Josha. Wilson continueth in his drunkenness to the dishonour of our holy profession, notwithstanding friends advice to him; so this meeting desires Rich: Armistead, & George Hornor to order him to appear at our next preparative Meeting.

Building Stable

The matter of building a stable being again under consideration of this meeting, it's referr'd to the next preparative Meeting.

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Whereas Priscilla daughter of Mary Fearnley of Leeds hath for some time walked amongst us the People of God (called Quakers) and made profession amongst us of the like precious faith, & word of Truth by which the youth may cleanse their ways, but for want of taking due heed thereto, her mind became corrupted, and entangled with this present evil world, insomuch as that she let out her affections to a young man not of our Society, which when known to us,

was dealt with by several of us, & advised in Love and good-will, that she might have been reclaim'd, & brought into a sence of her outgoings, but she instead thereof denyed that she was so concern'd, though we believed the contrary, and thereupon presst it the harder upon her, yet notwithstanding all her such denyall joyned at length with him in marriage by a Priest, which said disorderly practice, being repugnant to our holy principle & Christian profession, therefore in good conscience, we the said people can do no lesse but declare our disunity with all such actions & actors thereof, as also to deny her the said Priscilla to be in unity with us the said People while she remains [p. 192] in that disorderly spirit, so that what from thence she heretofore hath done, or henceforth may doe, be not charged in any respect upon us, as a People or the principle we profess. Yet we desire that if it be the Lord's good will & pleasure, he may bring her through judgment to a godly sorrow, & sincere repentance for her outgoings, and so find mercy in the day of the Lord.

From our monthly=meeting
belonging Brighouse, held at
Josa. Laycocks, the 26th 5th month 1706

Signed by order & in the behalf of our said meeting
by

Sarah Elam	John Brooke	Richard Armistead
Hannah Armistead	Thomas Greene	Benja. Hornor
Deborah Winne	Joseph Holme	Joshua Barber
Ellinor Walker	Joshua Fielden	Aaron Atkinson
	Abraham Jowett[44]	

Leeds Preparative meeting the 27th 6th month [August] 1707

Friends appointed to attend the month=meeting are Henry Thompson & John Cowell

Gildersom

Thomas Benson having laid before Friends at this meeting his intention of marriage with Mary Bond of Bradford meeting, he is left to his liberty of lying the same before the monthly meeting.[45]

[p. 193] Gildersome

Thomas Benson gave account to this meeting, that they had desired Richd. Archer to appear at this preparative meeting, but he not appearing, and account being given that he still continueth in his evil practices, it's agree'd that the month=meeting be acquainted therewith, & that the abovesaid persons acquaint him with the same.[46]

[44] See Q2, 34.

[45] See Q2, 59, 61, 63, 65. Proposals (from Thos Benson of Gilldersom) recorded at Women's meeting, E22, 257.

[46] See Q2, 58, 60, 62 (Testimony signed against him).

According to Friends desire at our last preparative meeting, Joshua Wilson appear'd at this meeting and was weightily spoke to about his drunkenness, and he desireth Friends forbearance, saying that he hath already found some strength to stand against the same, & hopes that he may be better; so friends of this meeting being very desirous, that he may so walk as may be for his own good, & honour of Truth, are willing to forbeare proceeding against him. Yet if he still continue his foresaid evil practices must be forc'd to clear Truth of him by a publick denyall.

Marriages, births, & burials call'd &c.

Stable

The matter of a stable still referr'd.

Whereas Mary Harrison school-dame, now resider on the Mill-hill, in the Town of Leeds, has for some years frequented our meetings, at our meeting-house, in the Town aforesaid, & has profest [p. 194] herself to be one of us, & because she did so, we the said people, took some notice of her, & did both reprove & exhort her, to keep to that holy principle she made profession off; which if she had done, it would have stay'd her uneasy mind, & bridled her unruly tongue, & quelld her fury, & passion (which frequently got over her, to giving just occasion to those with whom she had to do). And then upon her account reflections were thrown upon us, & complaints made to severall of us, which did occasion us very often to deal with her. But she like the fool spoken of in the scripture, tho' never so much brought under when spoken to: in a little time for want of true watchfulness, & keeping in the fear of God, became the same again, & instead of amendment & loving those that reprov'd her, she rather grew harder, & was more at a distance from us, & made excuses, & lies her refuge, when she was asked close questions concerning the truth of some reports we heard concerning her. And some short time ago, she told some of us, she had occasion to go into the west; & before she return'd, she joyn'd her self in-marriage, by a Priest, to one that is not of our society, though she told us a little before, that the concern between her & him was wholly at an end. For this with the rest of her ill behaviour, whilst amongst us, we now disown her to be of us: so that what she may act, or do, by that disorderly spirit, it may not be thrown upon the blessed Truth we make profession [p. 195] off, nor upon us, the Lord's people called Quakers; but that it may rather be return'd upon her own head, for which she alone must give an account. And notwithstanding the exercise we have had with her, & the reproch she has brought upon us, we do sincerely desire, that she may in a sence of her unfaithfulness, humble herself before the Lord, that he in mercy, may bring her to true repentance.

From our monthly=meeting belonging Brigghouse the 29th of the 6th month 1707.

Signed on behalf of the said meeting by

Ellinor Walker Thomas Green Richd. Armistead

Hannah Armistead	William Copley	Edward Hulley
Deborah Winne	William Herd	Benjan. Hornor
Edna Walker	Joseph Middleton	Aaron Atkinson
Susannah Middleton	John Fielden	Joshua Barber
Elizabeth Hopkins	Joseph Holme	Robert Cowling
Sarah Elam	Richard Rayner[47]	

Leeds Preparative Meeting 17th 7th month [September] 1707[48]
Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly meeting at Liversidge are Miles Walker & George Hornor.

Marriage prop'd.
Zachr. Hopkins having this day laid before us [p. 196] his intention of marriage with Rachel Peart, being both of this meeting, & he giving account of his orderly proceeding; hath consent of the meeting to proceed to the Monthly Meeting.[49]

Marriages, births, & burials call'd &c.

Collection made for the poor, & sent to the monthly meeting by Miles Walker, is £ 3 : 0s : 6d.[50]

Holbeck
Complaints being made to this meeting that Wm. Atkinson of Holbeck hath from time to time been overcome with strong drink, to the dishonour of Truth, notwithstanding the advice of friends to the contrary, & also now of late, he hath concern'd himself, in relation to marriage, with a young woman not of our Society: & he being present at this meeting was advised to the contrary: & he promiseth that he will delay the marriage, to see that if by continuance of time he can break it off.

Farnley
Friends understanding that Martha Sikes[51] still keeps company with the man she was advised against; & refuses to come to our meeting, Aaron Atkinson & Joseph Dickenson are order'd to draw up a paper against her as formerly desired.[52]

Armley
William Benson gives account to this meeting that [p. 197] according to

[47] See Q2, 58.
[48] Concerning duplicate entries, see note (54) to the dateline at the end of the minutes of this meeting.
[49] Zacharias Hopkin & Rachel Peart of Leeds. See Q2, 59, 62, 63; (Women's meeting) E22, 257.
[50] See Q2, 60.
[51] The spelling 'Sykes' appears in the duplicate minute (manuscript p. 197).
[52] For Women's meeting proceedings see E22, 259.

the order of Friends they had spoken to Hen: Thompson & given him their advice, relating to his trade.[53]

Tithe

Order'd that Friends meet the 22nd 8th month next, to give account of their faithfulness about Tithe, & that Robt. Arthington word the same to the meeting upon a first day.

Leeds preparative Meeting 17th 7th month 1707[54]

[p. 198] Leeds preparative meeting 29th 8th [October] 1707

Friends appointed to attend the monthly meeting at Wm. Hollings are Edwd. Hulley & Hananiah Elbeck.

Holbeck

Account being given to this meeting that Wm. Atkinson still keeps company in relation to marriage with the woman that friends of this Meeting advised him against, & that he gives out that he intends to marry her. So it is order'd that the Monthly Meeting be acquainted therewith.[55]

Jno. Parker desiring advice of[56] this Meeting about a title of a lease in Bolland, which one Parker is a means to hinder him off, but Friends understanding that George Myres hath an interest in his brother, Robt. Arthington is desir'd to write to George, to assist the said Jno. in the same.

Marriages, births, & burials, call'd &c.

According to desire at last preparative meeting, Friends met & gave an account of their Sufferings & clearness about Tythe, which is order'd to be fair coppy'd over, in order to be sent to the Monthly Meeting.[57]

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Sarah Walton of Hunslet in the parish of Leeds, late Sarah Hopkins, having from her infancy been educated & brought up amongst us the People of God, called Quakers, & also made profession with us of the principles of Truth, yet for want of faithfulness, & true diligence, & giving heed to the Lord's Manifestation by his Spirit, which was given her for her profit & preservation, she became disobedient to her mother, in keeping company, in relation to marriage, with one not of our Society, & being often thereupon dealt with, & advis'd to forbear any further procedure therein, yet contrary to the frequent advice of her mother, relations, & Friends, she peremptorily persisted therein, & joyn'd herself in marriage by a Priest, to one not of our Society: so that we the said People can not but (for the clearing of the Truth) give out this our Testimony whereby we disown her the said Sarah to be in fellowship with us,

so that what she may do in that disorderly spirit, by which she hath been led into disobedience & stubbornness, may not be any way imputed to us: nevertheless we cannot but through our Christian charity desire that the Lord may through judgment, bring her to true repentance, & amendment of [p. 200] life, that she may find mercy with him.

Signed on the behalf of Brigg=house Monthly meeting:
the 31st 8th month 1707.

	By
Edward Hulley	Benja. Bartlet
Richd. Armistead	John Fielden
Joshua Barber	Wm. Shiers
Jonas Preston	Josha. Fielden
John Elam	Ellinor Walker
Robt. Walker	Sarah Elam
Joshua Laycock	Deborah Win Senr.
Aaron Atkinson	Ednah Walker
Miles Walker	Mary Fielden
Samll. Hulley	Elisabeth Hopkins
Thoms. Benson	
Wm. Hollings	
Hananiah Elbeck[58]	

Forasmuch as Richard Archer of Gildersome in the parish of Batley shoemaker, hath for some time frequented the meetings of us the People of God call'd Quakers, & hath by some been reputed as one of us, but for want of taking due heed to the measure, or manifestation, of divine grace, & word of God, by which a young man may cleanse his ways, he gave way to his own foolish inclinations, & temptations of the [p. 201] Enemy, in taking too much strong drink, and going to bull=baitings, with other corrupt practices of this evil world, neglecting the due care of his wife & family, for which we the said People, did rebuke & exhort him from time to time, & though he promised us to leave his said evil practices, yet he still went on in the same, so that we the said People, in good conscience can do no lesse than declare against such things, & the actors thereof, as also against him the said Richd. Archer, whom we disown to be of our Society, whiles he remains in that spirit, so that what he may act in the same may not any way be imputed to us as a people, but that he

[53] Henry Thompson of Armley later went to America.

[54] Minutes for this meeting, entered on the rest of this page of the manuscript (p. 197), repeat, in a different hand, the same minutes (except the ones concerning William Atkinson, Henry Thompson and faithfulness about tithes) entered immediately above. They are not repeated here.

[55] Complaint against William Atkinson of Houldbeck Nigh Leeds (Q2, 62); testimony signed against him (28 Nov 1707; Q2, 63).

[56] A lease *deleted.*

[57] See Q2, 63.

[58] See Q2, 62. For Women's meeting proceedings see E22, 257, 259.

may bear his own burden, yet desiring that if it be the Lord's pleasure, he may come through judgment to true repentance that he may find mercy.

Signed on the behalf of Brigghouse Monthly=meeting
the 31st 8th month 1707

By	Miles Walker	
Edward Hulley	Samll. Hulley	Wm. Shiers
Richd. Armistead	Thoms. Benson	Samll. Grimshaw
Josuah Barber	William Hollings	Josp: Greenhough
Robt. Walker	Robt. Cowling	Josp. Kitchman
Benja. Hornor	Josa. Laycock	Benja. Bartlet
Aaron Atkinson	Josa. Fielden	Jonas Preston[59]

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Forasmuch as William Atkinson of Holbeck near Leeds hath for many years frequented the meetings of us the People called Quakers, but hath many times been a trouble & exercise to us, by his disorderly conversation, in being often overcome with too much strong drink, whereby his understanding became darkened, & he unwatchfull & cool as to matters of religion, & so grew worse & worse, notwithstanding our frequent advice to the contrary, & dealing with him both by reproof & exhortation; And he having also of late joyn'd himself in marriage by a Priest to one not of our Society; for which with other his disorderly carriages (we finding ourselves clear of him) can do no less than give forth our Testimony against him, & deny him to be in unity with us, so that what further he may act by the same spirit, it may not be imputed to us or the Truth we make a profession off. Yet we desire (if it be God's will) that he may be brought to a Godly sorrow for his sin, & thro' true repentance he may find mercy with the Lord.

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From Brigghouse monthly meeting the 28th of 9th month 1707.

Signed on the behalf of our said meeting By

Richd. Armistead	Jno. Marchland
Aaron Atkinson	Robt. Walker
Samll. Hulley	Zachr: Hopkins
Miles Walker	Stepn. Elbeck
Josha. Laycock	Jno. Fielding
Benja. Hornor	Josa. Fielding
Henry Dyson	Henr: Kaley.[60]

Leeds preparative meeting: the 26th of 9th month [November] 1707. Friends appointed to attend the Monthly meeting at Brigghouse are Benja. Hornor & Josa. Barber.

Joseph Westerman, Jno. Thackerey, James Pierson, Joshua Arthington, Antho: Granger, Francis Syddal not appearing with other Friends to give account of their clearness concerning Tithe, nor yet at the

preparative meeting; therefore Richd. Armistead & Joseph Dickenson are desir'd to speak to them, to come to the next preparative meeting.

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Marriages, births & burials call'd &c.

Received a certificate from Pontifract Monthly meeting relating to Joseph Mosley a Member of High=flats meeting (now servant to Henr: Thompson junr.) which he is desir'd to present to the Monthly meeting.[61]

Leeds preparative Meeting the 17th Xth month [December] 1707.
Friends appointed to attend at the monthly meeting at Brigg=house are Aaron Atkinson, & Benja. Hornor.

Friends desired at the last preparative meeting to come to this to give account of their clearness about Tithe mostly appeared, and their account was accordingly taken.

Marriages, births, & burials, call'd, &c.

	£ s. d.
Collection made for the use of the poor & sent to the Monthly meeting by Benja: Hornor	3 : 2 : 0[62]

Samll. Wilde having been desired to attend the meeting=house door upon the first days; and accordingly having entred into the service of the same, Benja: Hornor is desir'd to pay him 2s. for the time past, and so 2s. each Quarter during his performing the said service.

[p. 204a] [*being a scrap of paper found pinned to page 204*]
Began first to burie in our Burying=place in Meadow=lane Leeds anno 1672. the Nr. buried since that time to the year 1706. is 209. In 34: years time

The purchase of the close, in which is the said Burying=place was of John Cummin in Meadow=lane Leeds in the 6th Month 76[63]

which is since to this present year } 1672 / 1707 } 35 years

The consideracion money for the said purchase was =64 li.=

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Whereas Martha the daughter of Thomas Sykes of Farnley, (who from her childhood, hath frequented our Meetings at times, and being looked upon as one in society with us) having of late given way to a person of a different

[59] See Q2, 62.
[60] See Q2, 63.
[61] See Q2, 64.
[62] See Q2, 65 (Leeds collection £3 3s.).
[63] Year number written in a cramped space.

perswasion (in matters of religion) to keep company with her, and obtain her affections, in relation to marriage, Now we having seen the evill consequences of such marriages divers ways, and well understanding how displeasing they are, and heretofore have been to Almighty God; Have advis'd, & admonish'd her from time to time, to be obedient to her fathers counsell, & to desist from her unadvised way of proceeding, which is evidently contrary to the blessed precepts of holy Scriptures, which enjoyns children to honour & obey their parents in the Lord, and expressly forbids the faithfull People of God, to joyn themselves in marriage with unbelievers or such as are not found in the right way of worshipping God, and that for divers weighty reasons, which may be seen at large in the places of Scripture quoted in the[64] margin. But she wholly rejecting the good counsell of her father, & the tender advice of us her Friends, and well=wishers, we can do no lesse then declare our disunity with her, in this spirit of stubbornness to her father, & obstinacy to us, and the good order of our Society, and not to esteem her any longer as one in fellowship with us, unless she [p. 206] come to repent of what she is doing amiss, and to amendment of her ways, which is our prayer, & fervent desire unto the Lord, as a people who have endeavoured for, and do desire the salvation of her soul.

Signed on the behalf of Brigghouse monthly=meeting
the 19th Xth month 1707 By

Elisabt: Hopkins	Jonas Preston	Samll: Hulley
Rachell Hopkins	Thos: Green	Benja: Hornor
Deborah Winne	Jno. Elam	Aaron Atkinson
Ednah Walker	Richd: Rayner	Josa: North
Edith Midgley	Abrm: Jowitt	Zachr: Hopkins
	Abrm: Fielden	Stepn: Elbeck
	Nich: Fielden	
	Richd: Armistead	
	Jos: Dickenson[65]	

Leeds preparative Meeting 28th XIth month [January] 1707

Friends appointed to attend at the monthly meeting at Hallifax are Wm. Jackson, & Samll: Hulley.

Births, burialls, & marriages, called, &c.

Gildersom

Friends of Gildersom having already, by this meeting, 2 week=days meetings every month granted, also desire to have two first=days meetings in every month added to their aforesaid meetings. Therefore (in a weighty sence of Truth at this [p. 207] time) Friends of this meeting do agree, that it may be laid before the month=meeting for their consent, that a meeting may be held on every first, & third, first=days in every month, at Gildersome Town, & not elsewhere, except by a further consent thereunto by this Meeting, (that all things

may be done in unity, & the wisdom of Truth), and on the other first days they are desired to attend the meeting at Leeds as formerly.

Leeds preparative meeting 25th XIIth month [February] 1707
Friends appoynted to attend the mo: meeting are Benja: Hornor, & Samll. Crowther.

According to agreement at last preparative meeting, the matter of Gildersome friends, having a first=day meeting at Gildersome every first, & third, first=days was laid before the monthly meeting, which was agreed to according to the minute in the last preparative meeting.

Friends having under consideration the most proper place for keeping the Register book for marriages, births, & burialls, it is the agreement of Friends at this Meeting, that the said book be kept [p. 208] in this Meeting=house. So Samll. Hulley, & Samll. Dickenson are to request John Arthington to bring the said book to the next preparative meeting.[66]

Collection made, & sent to the monthly meeting by Samll: Crowther; is £3 : 1s. : 2d.[67]

The matter of a stable being still offered to this meeting, is referred to the next preparative [meeting].

An account of the number of briefs Collected to in the year 1707, and the summe of money Collected to each brief; & of the names of the Collectors, of the said summes &c. is as follows

The 13th of 4th month 1707. Collected then at our meeting=house, in Leeds, upon Towcester brief for loss by fire, the summe of nineteen shillings, which was paid to Thos. Parin alive, a Warden of the old Steeple=house, in Leeds.[68]

Collected also at the same time, upon Hartley=green brief for loss by fire the summe of eleaven shillings, which was also paid to the aforesaid Thoms. Parin, Warden of the old steeple=house, in Leeds.[69]

The 22d of 4th month 1707 [*no entry, and nothing further on this page*].

[64] Word deleted between 'the' and 'margin'. The texts referred to in the margin are Exodus xx. 12, Ephesians vi. 1–3, Deuteronomy vii. 3–4, Ezra ix. 2–3, Nehemiah xiii. 23–26, Malachi ii. 11–12, 2 Corinthians vi. 14–17, and Matthew xviii. 17.

[65] See Q2, 65.

[66] See Q2, 68.

[67] See Q2, 67.

[68] Towcester brief; see Bewes, 300. Thomas Parin; Ralph Thoresby noted in his diary, 18 Feb 1711, 'Was at the funeral of Thomas Parin's wife, who (though an inferior barber) designs to leave £3 per annum to the Charity School' (*Diary* II (1830), 73).

[69] Hartley Green, Staffs.; see Bewes, 301.

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Leeds Preparative Meeting the 24th 1st Month [March] 1708.

Friends appointed to attend the Month=meeting are Stephen Elbeck & Jno. Gott.

Regyster Book

Samll. Hulley gave account to this Meeting that he had spoken to Jno. Arthington to bring in the Register=Book, & that Jno. promis'd to bring it in; but he having not compleated what was necessary, as also having some things to communicate to Richard Reyner out of the said Book to be recorded into the Monthly Meeting=Booke, desired more time.[70]

Marr: Oulton

Jno. Lupton having this day acquainted this Meeting with his intention of marriage with Sarah Thompson, they both of our Meeting & having consent of parents are left to their liberty of acquainting the Monthly Meeting therewith.[71]

Marriages, births & burials call'd for to be registr'd & brought in.

Stable

The building of a stable being under the consideracion of this meeting is still referr'd.

The visiting of families being under the consideracion of this Meeting it is desir'd that friends consider thereof.

wiggs

Friends having under their serious consideracion the former advises against unnecessary & extravagant Wiggs, for the prevention of the use thereof it is in the wisdom of God agreed to by this meeting, that such as have necessity for wearing a wigg, do first acquaint the Elders & some other weighty Friends of the meeting with their necessity, & take their advice therein.

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Leeds Preparative=Meeting the 28th [2nd][72] month [April] 1708.

Friends appointed to attend the Month Meeting at the house of William Hollings are Josha. Barber & Wm. Benson of Armley.

Visiting Families

According to the request of the last Preparative Meeting Friends in generall having had under their consideration the visiting of Families do consent thereunto, and desire that that service may be weightily performed, and Friends appointed for the said service are Wm. Cowell, Rich: Armistead, Aaron Atkinson, Edwd. Hulley, Joshua Barber,

Joseph Dickinson, Sam: Hulley, Henry Thompson, Miles Walker or Rbt. Arthington if he incline to the same.

Holbeck

Joseph Langstaff having acquainted Friends at this Meeting that he & his brother Daniel are minded to set up the trade of a clothier joyntly, & desire the consent of this Meeting. Jno. Smith, Benja. Horner, Zach. Hopkins & Joshua North are desired to discourse them about the said affair & advise 'em as in the wisdom of Truth they may see meet.

Bank

Isaac Peart having also laid before this Meeting his desire of setting up the worsett trade, Sam: Dickinson, Richard Armistead, Isaack Kendall, Edwd. Hulley, Wm. Dickinson, and Ben: Horner, & Aaron Atkinson, are desired to advise him in the said affair as they in the Truth may see meet.

Births, marriages, & burialls call'd for & brought to be registered.

Benjamin Horner's accounts being brought in to this Meeting & approved of, & there being due to him £ 01 : 10s. : 4d. it is ordered that the said summe be raised by Collection, & that Friends have publick Notice thereof on a first=day. It is desired that Benja. Horner get the Meeting=house repaired & whitned.

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Leeds Preparative=meeting the 26th 3d Month [May] 1708.

Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Mankinholes are Robt. Eastburne & Jno. Cowell junr.

Benjamin Horner gave account to this Meeting that the Friends appointed had discoursed Joseph & Daniel Langstaff according to Friends request at the last Preparative meeting, and that they find no cause to obstruct their setting up the clothier=trade.

Aaron Atkinson signified to this meeting that those appointed had advised Isaac Peart to forbear the setting up of the worsett=trade till he have more skill in the combing &c.

Marriages, births, & burialls call'd for.

The Collection made the 21st of this month being three pounds & seven shillings for the poor, was sent to the Monthly meeting by John Cowell Junr.

[70] See Q2, 68.

[71] See Q2, 68, 69, 70; E22, 256.

[72] Written '3rd', but there is a note: The examining Committee suppose this should be 28th of 2nd Mo: 1708. J.D.

Leeds Preparative=Meeting the 9th 4th month [June] 1708.

Friends appointed to attend the Month meeting at Leeds are Wm. Cowell & Benjamin Horner.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for & brought in.

Visiting of Families

Aaron Atkinson & Joshua Barber gave account to this Meeting, that they, with other Friends appointed to visit Friends in their Families, had performed that service, & that the Lord was Graciously pleased to attend 'em with his Divine presence to the enabling 'em in the performance of the said service, so that the hearts of Friends by his power were opened to receive them, & the honest hearted comforted, & where any thing was found amiss, exhortation was given for amendment so that [p. 212] they hope of the good effect thereof; do desire that Friends may still continue the same from year to year; believing that they visitors will find it their concerne yet more strictly to examine into matters as the Truth shall open their way.

Ben: Clough

This meeting being informed that Benjamin Clough was married to one not of our Society, by a Priest, and being desired to appear at this Meeting, but refused, Wm. Cowell & Richard Armistead are to acquaint him to be at our next month meeting.[73]

Forasmuch as Benja. Clough of Hillhouse=bank near Leeds hath for some time frequented the meetings of us the People of God called Quakers, and for want of taking due heed to the divine spirit of God, whereby a young man may cleanse his way, he was unstable, & run out into things not consistant with our holy profession; which we the said People did deal with him about, yet notwithstanding our Christian care, he now of late without a true regard to decency, & moderation, in consideration of the shortness of the time since the death of his former wife, hath joyned himself in marriage by a Priest, & to one not of our society, which practices being repugnant to our holy profession, we the said People are bound in duty to bear our testimony against, as also against him the said Benja. Clough, while he remains in [p. 213] that disorderly spirit, so that what he may now act in the same, may not be laid to our charge, as a People; Yet out of our Christian love to the souls of all men, we desire that if it be the Lord's will he may bring him to a true sence of his outgoings, that through true repentance, & Godly sorrow, he may find mercy from the Lord.

Signed by order, & in behalf of the monthly=meeting this 25th of 5th month 1708.

By William Cowell

Isaac Peart	Isaac Kendall	George Hornor	Abrahm. Kendall
Joseph Dickinson	Robt. Eastburn	Miles Walker	Josa. Barber
Edwd. Hulley	Josha. North	Richd. Armistead	
Benja. Hornor	Samll. Hulley	Aaron Atkinson	

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Leeds Preparative Meeting the 28th 5th month [July] 1708.

Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Joshua Laycocks Joshua North & Joseph Dickenson.

Quarrell==hill.

John Cowell Junior this day laid before this Meeting his intention of marriage with Rebecka Turner a member of Kelk Monthly Meeting and had consent of his & her parents before he made any procedure with the said Rebecka his Friend.[74]

Marriages, births & burialls call'd, brought in, and registered.

Leeds Preparative=meeting the 25th 6th month [August] 1708.

Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Joshua Laycocks are Richd. Armistead, Thos. Benson.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for.

Joshua North having acquainted this Meeting that the Month=Meeting hath had under consideracion the dividing itself into 2 Monthly Meetings, and that it is desired that the sense of every Preparative= Meeting be brought in by their representatives to the next Monthly Meeting. Accordingly Friends at this meeting having considered of the same, do think that if it could be done with a generall unity it might tend to the brin[g]ing up of the weake & such as are not of ability to go so farr as the Monthly Meeting is now ordered.[75]

[p. 215] Holbeck

John Atkinson acquainting this meeting with his designe of setting up the trade of selling hard=ware; this meeting doth appoint Antho: Granger, Richd. Armistead, Geo: Horner, Edward Hulley & Robt. Arthington, or any four of them to meet & advise him as in the wisdom of Truth may be seen meet, & give an account to the next preparative= meeting.

Anne Thompson acquainting this meeting with her intention of removing to Norfolk to a service. Friends of this Meeting do leave her to her liberty of acquainting the Monthly Meeting therewith.[76]

[73] See Q2, 71.
[74] See Q2, 72, 74; E22, 255.
[75] See Q2, 72, 74.
[76] Certificate granted by M.M. 27 Aug 1708 (Q2, 74); see also E22, 255.

Leeds Preparative=Meeting the 15th 7th month [September] 1708.
Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Thos. Greens are Aaron Atkinson & Benja. Horner.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd &c.

Farnley
Robt. Arthington having this day laid before this Meeting his intention of marriage with Ellianor Moore of York Monthly Meeting & produced a paper shewing her consent to the said proposall, he is left to propose the same to Monthly Meeting.[77]

Holdbeck
The matter relating to Jno. Atkinson of Hold=beck being not yet inspected; it is desired that the Friends apointed do answer their Trust against the next Preparative meeting.

A Collection sent to the monthly meeting by Aaron Atkinson is £3 : 3s. : 6d.[78]

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Leeds Preparative meeting the 27th 8th month [October] 1708
Friends appointed to attend the Month Meetting at Wm. Hollings's are Zacharias Hopkins & Richard Armistead.

Marriages, births, & burialls call'd &c.

It is desired that all Masters & Dames of Families meet on the 17th of the next month to give account of their clearness of Tythe &c. and the meeting to gather about the 9th hour.

Richard Armistead gave this Meeting to understand that they had spoke to John Atkinson & do find that he hath overshot himself so (in the trade he entered into without Friends consent) as that they fear he hath not effects to pay his debts withall, and he appearing at this Meeting was desired to returne people their owne goods which he hath yet remaining, and to pay what moneys he can raise, and to worke at his taylors trade to pay what may still remain. Richard Armistead, and Anthony Granger desired to assist him therein.

Robt. Lambert acquainted this meeting with his designe of setting up the trade of flax=dressing at Selby in York Monthly meeting. This meeting appointeth Richd. Armistead, Ben: Horner & Tymothy Brogden to discourse the said Robt. & to advise him as they may see meet in order that he may have a certificate from the Monthly Meeting.[79]

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Thos. Thompson acquainting this Meeting with some offers made to him to go to Enfield.

Leeds Preparative=meeting the 24th 9th month [November] 1708.
Friends appointed to attend the monthly meeting at Brigghouse are Henry Thompson & Benja. Horner.

John North of this Meeting laid before us this day his intention of marriage with Sarah Jackson Junior also of this meeting, and a paper from old Sarah Jackson being read which was not satisfactory to Friends; therefore this meeting doth appoint Robt. Arthington, Aaron Atkinson, Josha. Barber, Rd. Armistead, Edward Hulley, Josph: Dickenson, Benja. Horner, Miles Walker to speak to the said Sarah Senr. about the said paper & bring an account to the next Preparative Meeting, thereof, or aney fower of them.[80]

Marriages, births & burialls call'd &c.

According to the desire of Friends at the last Preparative=meeting, Friends mett and gave an account of their Suffering & clearness of Tythe &c., which is ordered to be sent to the[81] monthly meeting; but some friends being absent they are desired to be at the next Preparative= meeting.[82]

Joseph Ambler laid before this meeting his inclination to set up School at Selby, and desires liberty from this meeting to acquaint the Monthly Meeting therewith in order to have a certificate; which Friends do condescend to.[83]

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Leeds Preparative Meeting the 22d Xth month [December] 1708.
Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting are Miles Walker & Geo: Horner.

Our Friends Aaron Atkinson & Joshua Barber this day laid before us that a concern for some time hath laid upon 'em to visit Friends in the Nation of Ireland, and this meeting under a weighty sence of the Truth,

[77] See Q2, 75, 76–77 (Hellina Moor); E22, 255 (Hellinga Moor of Wetherby).
[78] See Q2, 76.
[79] See Q2, 77.
[80] The last clause is added in a different hand. The intent was proposed at the Women's meeting 24 Nov 1708 (E22, 253).
[81] next *deleted.*
[82] Sufferings reported to M.M. 24 Dec 1708 (Q2, 80).
[83] Certificate granted 26 Nov 1708 (Q2, 78).

having unity therewith, leaveth'em to their freedom to acquaint the Monthly meeting therewith.[84]

Marriages, births, & burialls calld &c.

According to the request of Friends at the last preparative meeting some friends spake to Sarah Jackson Senior, who desireth that friends may give way to the marriage of her daughter to Jno. North. John acknowledging to friends that he had done amiss in not having the consent of the mother before he gott the affections of the daughter, which he desireth may not be examplary: so this Meeting giveth way to the lying the same before the Monthly Meeting.[85]

A Collection made for the poor, was sent to the Month meeting by Geo: Horner; the summe sent was £ 3 : 5s. : 6d.[86]

Leeds Preparative=meeting the 26th 11th month [January] 1708.
Friends appointed to attend the Month meeting at Shaw-hill are Edward Hulley & Hannaniah Elbeck.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd &c.

Knarzbrough
Thos. Crook of Knarzebrough Monthly meeting hath this day laid before us his intention of marriage with Mary Thompson of our meeting, and is left to his liberty to acquaint the Monthly Meeting therewith.[87]

This meeting having under consideration divers persons making some proffession of the Truth with us and are of evill conversations & yet not denyed desireth that a further consideracion be had against the next preparative=meeting.

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Leeds Preparative meeting the 25th 12th month [February] 1708.
Friends appointed to attend the Monthly meeting att Shawhill are Benja: Ledger & Benja. Horner.

Marriages, births and burialls call'd & brought in.

A Collection made for the use of the Quarterly meeting and sent to the Monthly Meeting by Benja. Ledger is £3 0s. 0d.[88]

The further consideracion relating to disorderly persons is still refer'd.

Leeds Preparative=Meeting the 16th 1st month [March] 1708.
Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Thos. Greens are Benja: Horner & Rbt. Arthington.

Marriages, births, & burialls call'd & brought in.

The Collection made for the use of the poor & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Benja: Horner is £3 : 3s. : 6d.[89]

Carlton
Joseph Mosley acquainting this Meeting that he hath thoughts of removing to Pontfract & desiring a certificate; he's referr'd to the Monthly Meeting.[90]

Benja: Horners accounts to this meeting being examined & approv'd of; there is found due to him £3 : 00s. : 04d. which is order'd to be reimburs'd by a Collection in this meeting, & Robert Arthington desired to word it to the Meeting some first day.

The building of a stable desir'd to be consider'd of.

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Leeds Preparative=Meeting the 27th 2d Month [April] 1709

Friends appointed to attend the Monthly meeting at Wm. Hollings's are Wm. Jackson Senr. & Samll. Hulley.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for, brought in and registered.

a Collection pro Ben: Horner
According to agreement at the last Preparative meeting a Collection was made to reimburse Benja: Horner, which was [*no amount given*]

Workley & Leeds
Azariah Elbeck & Sarah Pycocke both of this Meeting lying their intentions of marriage before this Meeting and having consent of relations, have the approbation of this Meeting to lay the same before the Monthly meeting.[91]

Richmond & Leeds
Joshua Skirrah of Richmond Monthly Meeting & Mary Peart of this meeting this day laid before us their intention of marriage with each other, & nothing appearing to obstruct, they have liberty to lye the same before the Monthly Meeting.[92]

[84] Concern approved at Leeds Women's meeting, 22 Dec 1708 (E22, 253); certificates given them, 24 Dec 1708 (Q2, 80); approval given by Meeting of Ministring Friends at Liversedge, 27 Dec 1708 (G1, 36).
[85] See Q2, 80, 82, 84.
[86] See Q2, 81.
[87] See Q2, 82, 84, 87; E22, 253.
[88] See Q2, 85 where the original sum was given as £2 14s. 6d. and 'Leeds added more 5s. 6d.'
[89] See Q2, 87.
[90] Certificate granted, 18 March 1709 (Q2, 86).
[91] See Q2, 88, 90, 92; E22, 249.
[92] See Q2, 88, 90, 92 (John Skerra); E22, 249.

Leeds: Meet.
The building of a stable being again under the consideration of this Meeting, it is agreed that one be builded, and Richd. Armistead, Miles Walker, Jno. Smith, Jno. Arthington, Benja: Horner, Hannaniah Elbeck, Josha. North, Wm. Benson, & Wm. Cowell do consider thereof, both how it may be builded & the charge, and give an account to the next Preparative Meeting in order for a Subscription.

Visiting some persons
Friends at this meeting having under their weighty consideration the affairs of the Church relating to Discipline, and whereas sometime ago some friends were appointed to assist Wm. Cowell & Richd. Armistead in the oversight of the conversation of such as make profession of the Truth, and that it was then agreed that such Friends should be continued but for one Quarter, except afterwards it might be seen meet to continue 'em longer: this meeting therefore doth appoint Joseph Dickenson, Henry Thompson Senr., George Horner, & Joshua North for that service, & do desire 'em to speak to such persons as do come to meetings some time, & are not faithfull; so that Friends may know whether to owne 'em or no; & give account to the next preparative= meeting.

[p. 221] Bank
Isaac Peart acquainting this meeting with his designe of removeing to York to set up the distilling=trade; which friend[s] of this meeting are not fully satisfi[ed] with, but rather incline to advise to the contrary at present; but he being not willing to desist therefrom his designe; way is given that he may acquaint the monthly meeting therewith.[93]

Gildersom
Joseph Dickenson inform'd this meeting that Friends at Gildersome &c. had thoughts of building a meeting house at their owne proper charge; if friends at Leeds would build the stable at theirs.[94]

Leeds Preparative=meeting the 25th of the 3d Month [May] 1709.
Friends appointed to attend the monthly meeting near Tadmerdin are Sam: Crowther & Miles Walker.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for to be registered.

Richd. Armitstead gave account to this meeting that they had met & considered about the building of a stable; and they think that the charge thereof will amount to about thirty pounds. It is thought most convenient to set it on or near the East=End of the meeting=house.

Care is taken to buy wood &c. This meeting doth order a Subscription, and desireth the Friends aforemencion'd to continue their care as first desired.

Richd. Armitstead acquainted this Meeting that they had spoken to such persons as they (by this Meeting) were ordered to speak to, but having not fully gone through the affair, do desire another months time to conclude the matter.

A Collection was made for the use of the poor, and sent to the Monthly Meeting by Miles Walker, being £3 : 5s. : 6d.[95]

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Leeds Preparative=Meeting the 22d 4th Month [June] 1709.

Friends appointed to attend the Monthly meeting at Leeds are William Cowell & Stephen Elbeck.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for & brought in.

Some of those Friends being a wanting who were appointed to visit the persons formerly, or before mencon'd, that concern is referr'd to the next preparative meeting, where they are desir'd to give a full account of their proceeding in that affair.

Friends Names that have Subscribed for George Foxes Journall are

		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Imprs.	1st: Benja: Horner	00 : 2 : 6	11th: Richd. Armitstead	00 : 2 : 6
	2d: Rbt. Harrison	00 : 2 : 6	12th: Isaac Kendall	00 : 2 : 6
	3d. Wm. Benson	00 : 2 : 6	13th: Mary Pycock	
	4th: Stephen Elbeck	00 : 2 : 6	14th: Geo: Horner	00 : 2 : 6
	5th: Samll. Jackson	00 : 2 : 6	15th: Joseph Elbeck	00 : 2 : 6
	6th: Gervase Elam	00 : 2 : 6	16th: Robt. Eastburne	00 : 2 : 6
	7th: Timothy Brogden	00 : 2 : 6	17th: Jno. Cowell Junr.	00 : 2 : 6
	8th: Samll. Hulley	00 : 2 : 6	18th: Benja. Bartlett	00 : 2 : 6
	9th: Abraham Kendall	00 : 2 : 6	19th: Miles Walker	00 : 2 : 6 [96]
	10th: Wm. Watson	00 : 2 : 6		

The friends afore-mencon'd to have paid their 2s. 6d.'s
paid 'em to Miles Walker.

[93] Certificate given by M.M. 29 April 1709 (Q2, 89).
[94] The last line of the minute added in another hand.
[95] See Q2, 91.
[96] One line deleted beneath the entry for Miles Walker.

The Names of Friends who have Subscribed towards the Building of a Stable are[97]

	£	s.	d.
1. Edwd. Hulley	x 2	:x00	:x00
2. Benja: Horner	2	: 10	: 00
3. Wm. Cowell Senr.	1	: 00	: 00
4. Rd. Armitstead	1	: 10	: 00
5. Timothy Brogden	1	: 10	: 00
6. Miles Walker	1	: 00	: 00
7. Geo: Horner	x 00	:x15	:x00
8. Robt. Harrison	00	: 15	: 00
9. Isaac Kendall	x 1	:x00	:x00
10. Mary Pycock	1	: 00	: 00
11. Rbt. Eastburne	0	: 10	: 00
12. Aaron Atkinson	2	: 00	: 00
13. Jno. Cowell Junr. pd.	5s.00	:10x	:x00
	16	: 0	: 0

	£	s.	d.
Wm. Watson	0	: 5	: 0
Josa. Siddall	0	: 2	: 6
Wm. Cowell Jun.	0	: 2	: 6
Antho: Granger	x 0	:x 5	: 0 x
Jno. Arthington	1	: 10	: 0
Sarah Thirkill	0	: 10	: 0
Jno. Armitage	0	:x10	:x0
Jno. North	0	: 15	: 0
Rbt. Priestley	x 0	:x 5	:x0
Hen: Thompson Senr.	0	: 10	: 0
Hen: Thompson Junr.	0	: 7	: 0
Josp. Lupton	x 0	:x05	: 0 x
Rbt. Raynor	0	: 10	: 0
Peter Thompson	0	: 5	: 0
Zacha: Hopkins	x 0	:x10	:x0
Jno. Birkett	0	:x10	:x0

	£	s.	d.
Robt. Peart	1	: 00	: 00 pd.
Benja: Ledger	2x	: 00x	: 0 pd.
Jno. Scott		: 05x	: 0 x
Josp. & Danll. Langstfs.	x 0	:x10	: 0 x
Samll. Hulley	1	: 00	: 0 pd.
Wm. Garforth	0	: 05	: -
Hanna. Elbeck	x 0	:x10	:x 0 x

Geo: North	0 : 10 : 0
Josha. North	0 : 15 : 0
Stephn. Elbeck	0 : 10 : 0
Jno. Smith	1 : 0 : 0
Wm. & Samll. Jacksn.	1 : 00 : 0
Wm. Benson	0 : 15 : 0
Gervase Elam	0 : 15 : 0
Azariah Elbeck	0 : 10 : 0
Exercise Hulley	0 : 10 : 0
Samll. Crowther	x 0 :x 5 :x 0 x

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Leeds Preparative=meeting the 27th 5th month [July] 1709.

Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Shaw=hill near Hallifax are Joshua Barber & Benja: Horner.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for & brought in.

Jno. Gelderd appearing at this Meeting, was admonished, he acknowledging his errour in going out to take a wife by a priest, and he is referr'd to further approvement of him in his life & conversation.

Armley

Andrew Abbot desired by Josha. North is to appear at our next preparative=meeting.

Richard Armitstead acquainted this meeting that he with other Friends who were appointed with him, did speak to such persons as they were ordered to speak to, the account whereof is as followeth:

Leeds	Jno. Gelderd seems desirous to joyn with Friends	
	Richd. Taylforth not spoken to	...
	Josha. Wilson ...	...
	Jacob Webster advised & referr'd &c.	
	Emanel. Lapage desires to be in unity with friends	
Hunslet	Sarah & Catley Deborah	referr'd to the Women friends
Workley	Math: Garforth	declines coming to meeting
	Wm. Burnley	Gone to Steeple=house.
Armley	Andrew Abbot	desir'd to appear at preparative Meeting
	Jno. Denton	thought not to be of us
Farnley	Wm. Ederington	friends cannot owne him
	Widdow Bowes ...	...

[97] Subscribers' names appear in three columns.

Morley	Robt. Morley	Cannot deny him
	Jno. Watson	advised to amend his life }
	Samll. Warren	not of us ... }
Gildersom	Jno. Horner	he at present behaveth himself pretty orderly

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Leeds Preparative=meeting the 24th 6th month [August] 1709.

Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Shaw=hill near Hallifax are Richard Armistead & Aaron Atkinson.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for & brought in & registered.

Joshua North gave an account to this Meeting that he spake to Andrew Abbot to be here; but he not appearing, Joshua North & Samll. Hulley are desired to request him to appear at our next Preparative meeting.

John Lee of Rawden=meeting & Sarah Maskew of our's this day published their intention of marriage with each other, and Friends upon examination finding that he spake to her in relation to marriage before he had the consent of relations or came among Friends, which brought a great concerne upon Friends at this Meeting; so that Friends found themselves obliged to speak to 'em relating thereto; yet that we may condescend so far as wee can, do permitt 'em to offer it to the Monthly Meeting.[98]

Wm. Dickenson of our Meeting this day published his intention of marriage with Rebecka Watson of Shotton=meeting in the County of Durham, and having proceeded orderly & obtained consent of relations, & producing a Note from under her hand of her willingness to his proceeding as aforesaid, this meeting leaveth him to his liberty to lay the same before the Month=Meeting.[99]

A Collection made for the poor, being £ 3 = 3s. = 0d. was sent to the Monthly Meeting by Richard Armistead.[1]

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Leeds Preparative=Meeting the 14th 7th Month [September] 1709.

Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Liversedge are Aaron Atkinson, Benja: Horner.

Samll. Hulley gave Friends of this meeting to understand that he had spoken to Andrew Abbott; but he not appearing, alledging some hinderance; said Samll. Hulley & Joshua North are still desired to continue their care in speaking to him, that he appear at the next Preparative=meeting.

Wm. Jackson Junr. & Sarah North having this day publish'd their intentions of marriage with each other, & having consent of relations & parties concern'd they are left to their liberty of acquainting the Monthly meeting therewith: & he being a widdower, & having a child, (according to the order of Friends) Robert Arthington and Benja: Horner are desired to see that something is settled on the said child, & give an account to the next preparative meeting.[2]

The Collection made, and sent (for the Yearly Meeting) to the Monthly meeting by Aaron Atkinson is £ 6 = 01s. = 6d.[3]

Ordered that Miles Walker, Edward Hulley, Aaron Atkinson, Benja: Horner & Zacharias Hopkin write to London for a certificate for Eliz: Bland.

Jno. Thirkill having acquainted this Meeting that he thinks to set up his trade of searge weaving; Edwd. Hulley, Benja: Ledger, Wm. Cowell Senr., Samll. Hulley, are desired to consider with and advise him relating to that affair, & give an account thereof to the next Preparative Meeting.

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Leeds Preparative Meeting the 19th 8th Month [October] 1709.

Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly meeting at Wm. Hollins's are Zacharias Hopkins & Benjamin Horner.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd &c.

Workley

Samll. Hulley & Joshua North desired to continue their care as touching Andrew Abbot.

Hunslett

Jno. Birkett & Mary Barber both of our Meeting this day published their intentions of marriage with each other, having consent of

[98] See Q2, 98, 100, 102; E22, 247. The M.M. minute (16 Sept 1709; Q2, 98) reads: John Lee a member of Knarsbro: Monthly Meeting published his intention of marriage with Sarah Maskew of Leeds Meeting, But he haveing endeavoured to draw out the affections of the young woman before he appeared as one of our Society, & that that concerne hath had some kind of life continued since the first beginning thereof betwixt them, Friends under a weighty sence of Truth considering the danger of such proceedings amongst us, cannot but signifie their disunity with the said proceeding, yet in tenderness Friends are not willing to withstand it, but doe permitt them to proceed in their intentions of takeing each other in marriage.

[99] See Q2, 96, 98; E22, 247 (William Dickenson of Gildersom).

[1] See Q2, 97.

[2] See Q2, 98, 100, 102, 104; E22, 247 (William Jackson of Gildersom).

[3] See Q2, 99.

relations, are left to their liberty of acquainting the Monthly Meeting therewith, an account being given of their orderly proceeding.[4]

The matter relating Eliz: Bland reffer'd to the next Preparative= Meeting.

Jno. Thirkell
Edward Hulley gave account to this meeting that some Friends met together on Jno. Thirk[e]ll's account, but they finding that he had made som provision for his trade straitned friends in giving their advice.[5]

It is desired that all Masters and Dames of Families do appear at our Meeting the 2d 9th month next to give an account of their clearness relating to Tythe, Steeple=house rates &c. Richd. Armistead & Joseph Dickenson to acquaint friends therewith on the first day next before the day appointed.

Hunslett
Jno. Scott desiring the advice of this Meeting relating to his setting up his trade after the terme of his apprentishipp be expired; this Meeting appoints Jno. Arthington, Richd. Armitstead, Jos: North, Ben: Horner, Miles Walker to advise him as they see meet.

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Leeds Preparative Meeting the 23d 9th Month [November] 1709.
Friends appointed to attend the monthly meeting at Brigghouse are Henry Thompson & Jno. Cowell Junr.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for to be registered.

Workley
Joshua North gives account to this meeting that those appointed spake to Andrew Abbott, & desired him to be at this meeting; but he not appearing Wm. Benson & Gervase Elam are desir'd to request him to be at the next Preparative=meeting, & also to acquaint him that if he still neglect the request of Friends they will be forced to proceed against him according to the order of Truth.

The Friends appointed to write to London relating to a certificate for Eliz: Bland, give account that they had writt, but had not yet a full answer from friends there.

According to Friends' desire, the most of Masters & Dames of Families, met, & gave account of their Sufferings and clearness of & for Tythes & Steeple=house=Rates &c. But those that have not yet given their account are desired to be at next Preparative=meeting in order to give

their accounts; & Richd. Armitstead and Thos. Benson to acquaint'em therewith.[6]

Benja. Horner gave account that he with Richd. Armitstead had been with Jno. Scott to see a farme which is not liked at the rent; therefore the care of the appointed Friends is desired to be still continued in his behalfe.

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Leeds Preparative=Meeting the 21st Xth month [December] 1709.

Friends appointed to attend att the Monthly meeting at Brigghouse are Miles Walker & Richd. Armitstead.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for to be registered.

Holbeck & Armley

Joseph Langstaff & Eliz: Pott both of this meeting, laid before us their intention of marriage with each other; &, wee having account of their orderly proceeding, are left to their liberty to acquaint the Month= Meeting therewith.[7]

Armley

Andrew Abbot appeared at this Meeting & being advised by friends to clear of[f] his debts, & to returne to his wife & children, it being dishonourable for him &c. to dwell so separate from them: he promiseth to adhere to the advice of friends, and saith he hath sent money severall times for to pay of[f] his debts there; also saith he designes to go to his wife the next Summer.

Friends appointed about Eliz: Blands certificate give account that they have not received one; their care is yet desired to be continued.

Holbeck

A complaint comeing from the Women friends that Jno. Gotts daughter keepeth company with one thats not a friend; although they have dealt much with her about it. Therefore Friends of this Meeting do desire Jno. Gott and his daughter to be at the next Preparative Meeting: Richd. Armitsed & Edward Hulley to acquaint'em therewith.

Ordered that Aaron Atkinson, Richd. Armitsead, Benja: Horner & Miles Walker do write a certificate for Elleanor Moore.

[4] See Q2, 101, 102, 104 (John Burkhead; Birkhead); E22, 245.

[5] The minute is altered from the original, the deleted portion showing that the applicant had already made some arrangements contrary to Friends' advice.

[6] Leeds sufferings account was brought to M.M. 25 Nov 1709 (Q2, 102).

[7] See Q2, 104, 108, 110; E22, 245 (Elizabeth Potts).

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Leeds Preparative meeting the 25th XIth month [January] 1709.

Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Shaw=hill near Hallifax are Edward Hulley & Hannaniah Elbeck.

Marriages, births & burials call'd for to register & brought in.

A certificate receiv'd from Barkering Monthly Meeting in Essex concerning Eliz: Bland which was read and ordered to the Monthly Meeting.[8]

Jno. Gott appeared at this Meeting, but not his daughter, and he gave account that he fears that his daughter is not clear of keeping company with one not of our Society in relation to marriage. Friends at this meeting advise him to be more carefull & concern'd for the preservation of his daughter and his other children from too much society with the worlds people. And Edward Hulley & Richd. Armitstead are desired to continue their care about Jnos. daughter.

It is agreed that Friends of & about Gildersom have three first=day= meetings in the month when there falls 5 first=days in a month, & that they may have a week=day=meeting every week, excepting that in which our preparative=meeting is kept.

A complaint being made to this meeting that Ely Watson and Tryphena Roe have behaved themselves uncomly towards each other & have married by a Priest. Thos. Benson & Josp. Dickenson are desired to request 'em to appear at our next Preparative Meeting.

The Collection made for the use of the poor was sent to the Monthly Meeting by Hannaniah Elbeck, it being = £ 2 18s. : 06d.[9]

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Leeds Preparative=Meeting the 22d XIIth month [February] 1709.

Friends appointed to attend att the Monthly Meeting at Shaw=hill near Hallifax are Benja. Ledger & Benja. Horner.

Marriages, births, & burialls call'd & brought in to be registered.

Tong

Ely Watson appearing att this Meeting did acknowledge that he had been guilty of the act of uncleaness with Tryphena Wroe, and since that married her by a Priest, which being to the great dishonour of our holy profession, and he not giving Friends satisfaction, it is ordered to lay the same before the Monthly Meeting, & there they are desired to appear.[10]

Beeston

Jno. Metcalf of this meeting hath this day laid before us his intention of

marriage with Margarett Dransfield of Brigghouse Meeting who is left to his liberty of acquainting the Monthly Meeting therewith.[11]

Holbeck
Tabitha Gott giving account to this Meeting that they suppose their daughter is married to the man friends did deal with her about by a priest; wherefore friends at this Meeting desire that Jno. Gott, & his daughter do appear at our next Preparative Meeting. Richard Armitsead desired to acquaint them therewith.

Gildersom
Friends about Gildersome &c. desire to be a meeting of themselves, and Friends of this Meeting to consider of it till the next Preparative Meeting.

Ordered that the accounts of, or relating to the stable be brought in to the next preparative Meeting.

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Leeds Preparative meeting the 29th 1st month [March] 1710.

Friends appointed to attend at the M. Meeting at Liversedge are Robert Arthington & Benja. Horner.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for & brought in to be register'd.

Holbeck
Jno. Gott appearing att this Meeting and was discours'd about his daughter, how farr he was clear in relation to her & her disorder in accompanying with one not of our Society in relation to marriage; & he declares that it is a great trouble to him that his daughter hath so behaved herself: but his daughter not having due notice to be at this Preparative meeting she is desir'd to be at the next preparative meeting. Zacharias Hopkins to acquaint her therewith.

Gildersom
Friends about Gildersome continuing their desire of being a meeting of themselves; & Friends here having taken the matter under their consideracion; find they are still desirous to obtain the same, do condescend thereto, & that they may lay it before the next Month Meeting for its consent, desiring that they may wait purely upon the Lord for his Divine assistance who will not be awanting as he is truly sought after to lead into the due frequenting of their meetings both first days & other

[8] See Q2, 107 (Certificate from Barking M.M. 'giving account of her sober life and conversation').
[9] See Q2, 106.
[10] See Q2, 108, 111, 114, 116, 118.
[11] See Q2, 108, 110, 113; E22, 244 (Margret Dronsfeeld).

days, as week-days &c. & that in due time; and to be zealous in dealing with disorderly persons, and encouraging such as fear the Lord, & what other things may be for the honour of God; that they may be a people to the praise of the Blessed Truth wee make profession of.[12]

Jno. Geldard this day laid before us his intention of marriage with Sarah Williamson of Richmond Monthly Meeting, and way is given that he may acquaint the monthly meeting with the same.[13]

[p. 232] Banck

Thos. Gumersall laid before this meeting his designe of seeting up his trade of a white=clothier, if Friends think it fit. Edward Hulley, Wm. Cowell, Isaack Kendall, Richd. Armitstead are appointed to hear him and advise him in the matter, & to give account to the next preparative meeting what they have done.

Jno. Plummer did this day lye before us his desire of setting up for himself his trade of a dresser, this meeting appointeth Robt. Harrison, Aaron Atkinson, Wm. Jackson, Senr., Richd. Armitstead, Benja: Horner, Joshua North to advise therein, & give account to the next preparative=meeting.

stable

The accounts of the stable referd to the next preparative Meeting.

Collection made for the poore & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Benjamin Horner is £3 : 6 : 0.[14]

Leeds Preparative Meeting the 26th 2d month [April] 1710.

Friends appointed to attend the Month Meeting at the house of Wm. Hollings are Samll. Hulley & Samll. Jackson.

Marriages, births and burialls call'd for to register.

Hunslett

Zacharias Hopkin gave account that he had desired Rachel the daughter of John Gott to be at this Meetting; but she not appearing, 'tis desired that the representatives do acquaint the Month Meeting therewith.[15]

Richard Armitstead gave an account at this meeting that the Friends appointed had discoursed Thos. Gummersall about his seetting up his trade of a white=clothier, and that they had given their consent that he might proceed therein.

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Benjamin Horner gave account to this Meeting that John Plummer had of his owne accord deffered his seetting up his trade for some time.

Elleanor Walker this day laid before Friends of this meeting that for some years a concern hath laid upon her to visit Friends at their meetings in Cornwall & Wales, and Friends having good unity with her, and also a sence of the weight of the concerne, do give their consent that she may acquaint the Month=Meeting therewith.[16]

A second subscription made for the reimbursing what was disburs'd more then the first would extend to; it is desired that the Collection made against the next Preparative=meeting, be paid to Benjamin Horner, or Miles Walker.

Leeds Preparative=Meeting the 24th 3d month [May] 1710.

Friends appointed to attend as representatives at the monthly meeting at Tadmerden are Jno. North & Samll. Crowther.

Marriages, births and burialls call'd for and brought in to be registered.

The revisiting of the Families of Friends in this meeting being under the weighty consideration of this Meeting; the Friends hereafter named are appointed for that service, viz. Richd. Armitstead, George Horner, Aaron Atkinson, Joshua Barber, Benja: Horner, Edward Hulley, Joshua North, Samll. Hulley; who are to be divided into two companies, viz. Aaron Atkinson, Richd. Armitstead, Joshua North, George Horner in one company, and Josha. Barber, Edward Hulley, Samll. Hullay, Ben: Horner the other company. The first company to visit friends in Leeds, Hunslett, Oulton, Carleton, Cappell=Towne & Woodhouse &c. The other company to visit Friends in Beeston, Churwell, Workley, Armley, Holbeck, &c.

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Whereas Hannah Watson of Bramley came to our meetings and made some proffession of the truth, but some time by=past she fangled in her affection with a young man not of our Society, upon which she was spoken to, and avised to the contrary; but did not take the advice but continued in keeping company with him, untill they were seen together after an unseemly manner. And upon Friends dealing with her further she left our Meetings, and manner of habit, and assembled in worshipp amongst another Society of People and reflected upon

[12] See Q2, 112. M.M. appointed Thomas Benson and William Dickenson to see after the right conduct of Friends, and Robert Arthington and Joseph Dickenson to see that two Gildersome meeting representatives attended M.M.

[13] See Q2, 110, 117; E22, 244.

[14] See Q2, 110.

[15] See Q2, 114, 116, 118 (Testimony against Rachel, daughter of John Gott).

[16] Proposal (by Hellinga Walker) approved by Leeds Women's meeting, 26 April 1710 (E22, 243). See Q2, 114: certificate granted to Elinor Walker (and Edna Walker, as companion) to visit 'Friends meetings in Cornwell & Wales by way of London'.

friends, denying that she was so concern'd with the said man as Friends feared she was. But afterwards she was found to be with child, and married by a Priest, and though she be gone from among us, and doth not endeavour to joyn with Friends, yet we can do no less than record this as our Testimony against her.[17]

Leeds Preparative Meeting the 14th 4th month [June] 1710.
Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly meeting at Leeds are Joshua Barber & William Benson.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for & brought to be registered.

The Collection made for the use of the Quarterly Meeting & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Wm. Benson is £2 : 10s.[18]

Hunslett Leeds
Jno. Scott laid before this meeting his intention of going to London, to be servant to the tanner=trade if a place can be found there to be among Friends; which Friends of this meeting have under their consideration.[19]

Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly=Meeting by two & two as their courses are,[20] begining first with Benjamin Horner & Miles Walker, 2d. Wm. Jackson & Samll. Hullay, 3d. Jno. North & Samll. Crowther, 4th. Stephen Elbeck & Geo: North, 5th. Joshua Barber & Wm. Benson, 6th. Aaron Atkinson & Gervase Elam, 7th. Geo: Horner & Robt. Eastburne, 8th. Zacharia Hopkin & Joseph Lupton, 9th. Henry Thompson Jno. Cowell Junr., 10th. Edwd. Hullay & Hanania Elbeck, 11th. Richd. Armitstead & Benja: Ledger, 12. Josha. North & [*no name*]

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Leeds Preparative=Meeting the 26th 5th month [July] 1710.
Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Joshua Laycocks near Hallifax, are Richd. Armitstead & Robt. Eastburne.

Marriages, births & burialls calld for to be register'd.

A Collection made for the use of the poor & sent to the Monthly meeting by Richd. Armitstead is £2 : 6s. : 6d.[21]

This Meeting having under its weighty consideration the reproach that is upon Truth and us, on the account of the miscarriages of Josha. Arthington in his affairs &c. This Meeting doth appoint Richd. Armitstead, Edwd. Hulley, and Joshua North to speak to him.

Leeds Preparative meeting the 24th 6th month [August] 1710.
Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting are Josha. North & Benja: Horner.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for to be registered.

Richd. Armitstead gave account to this Meeting that he and Josha. North did speak to Joshua Arthington, and that he desired friends forbearance till the next preparative meeting.

Leeds Preparative meeting the 13th 7th month [September] 1710.[22] Friends appoynted to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Liversedge are Benja: Horner & Miles Walker.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for to register.

An account being given to the Meeting that John Atkinson had beene at a race, and that he was spoken to on that account, as also about other miscarriages, which he could not deny, nor give any satisfactory reason for his being so disorderly; the friends who spoke to him desired him to appear at this Meeting, which he did; but instead of giving frinds what satisfaction he could he went out of the meeting in a disorderly manner. Richd. Armitstead & George Horner desired to acquaint him that he is expected to appear at our next Preparative=Meeting.

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Joshua Arthington not giving satisfaction to Friends of this meeting as was desired; but desireth another months time, which this Meeting grants him. Benja: Horner desired to speak to him & give account thereof to the next meeting.

Collection made for the use of the poor & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Miles Walker is £2 : 4s. : 6d.[23]

Friends understanding that Joshua Willson still continues his practice of drunkenness to the great dishonour of Truth; Hanania Elbeck & Josha. North desired to request his appearance at the next preparative meeting.

Leeds Preparative=meeting the 25th 8th month [October] 1710. Friends appointed to áttend at the Monthly Meeting at Wadehouse: Jno. North & Samll. Crowder.

[17] See Q2, 116. Paper presented at M.M. 26 May 1710.

[18] See Q2, 119.

[19] M.M. 19 June 1710, advised John Scott to write to his brother to procure him a place with a Friend in London 'before he goe' (Q2, 119). 27 Oct 1710 (Q2, 125): certificate granted to John Scott in Rygate M.M.

[20] Information repeated inside front cover.

[21] See Q2, 121.

[22] There is no entry for the marriage proposals of Isaac Kendall of Leeds and Anne Pearse (Pears) of Norwich M.M. which were approved by the Women's meeting on this day (E22, 241), and by the M.M. 15 Sept, 27 Oct 1710 (Q2, 123, 124).

[23] See Q2, 123.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for to register.

John Atkinson being at this meeting was dealt with about his disorderly practices, which wee can do no less than judg'em wrong, yet out of condescention to his request, wee give him another months time to consider what he can offer why the Month=Meeting may not be acquainted therewith.

Joshua North & Hanania Elbeck gave account to this Meeting that they spoke to Joshua Wilson & desired him to be at this Meeting; but he not appearing here, and wee finding no amendment by him of his drunkness, it is ordered that the Month=meeting be acquainted therewith.[24]

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Friends at this Meeting having received a paper from Joshua Arthington, which was read, and therein he seemes to acknowledge his miscarriage & condemn the same, which is ordered to the Month= Meeting.[25]

Joshua Siddall acquainted this meeting that he desires to settle as a servant with Gilbert Hethcoat, & desireth a certificate in order thereunto: which this meeting ordereth to be laid before the Monthly Meeting.[26]

Agreed that Friends meet & give an account of their clearness in relation to their Suffering for Tythes, Steeplehouse=Rates etc. on the 4th day next before the preparative meeting. Richd. Armitstead to give notice on a first day.[27]

Jno. Scott having writt for a certificate, his letter is ordered to the Monthly Meeting for to obtaine one.[28]

Leeds Preparative=meeting the 22d 9th month [November] 1710.
Friends appointed to attend at the M=Meeting at Brigg=house are Stephen Elbeck & George North.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for &c.

Account being given that Jno. Atkinson is gone from Leeds at present North=ward, his case referr'd to next Preparative=Meeting.

Benja: Horner, Aaron Atkinson, Robert Harrison gave account to this meeting that they, with Joshua North, did consider Jno. Plummer his begining to trade for himself, and gave way for him to begin his trade of a dresser and gave him advice to keep low & not to over=run his owne stock.

Leeds Preparative=meeting the 20th Xth month [December] 1710.
Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Brighouse are Josua Barber & Wm. Benson.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for to be registered, and brought in.

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Richard Armitstead gave account to this Meeting that he had spoken to John Atkinson, who was refractory, and said that he would not come to or appear before friends, Let 'em do what they would. It is therefore ordered that the Monthly meeting be acquainted therewith.[29]

Visiting Families
Aaron Atkinson and Joshua Barber gave account that, according to friends desire they with other friends who were appointed to visit the Families of Friends within this meeting, had performed that visit, and had good satisfaction therein; believing that as friends are given up to the performance of that practice in the Love of God, the service therof will be good and profitable, tending not a little to the edifying of the Body in Love.

Josha. Arth:
A Paper given forth by Joshua Arthington against himself, acknowledging his miscarriages &c.

Farnley the 24th 8th month 1710.

Dear Friends!
There needeth no apology nor argruments which way come miscarriages, being the falling away is first in our selves: And Whereas I not rightly & faithfully keeping to the true moniter; (which, I am sure, never failed me, while I kept to it:) I have gone astray to the dishonour of Truth the holy profession I made & affliction of Gods People, the dishonour & grief of my dear father; I am bound in duty to make acknowledgments to the Almighty & his People, and being heartily sorry for my offences, desire I may thro' true repentance know [p. 239] peace with my maker and unity with his people: I desire heartily my harmes may be others warning; if I had kept to the friend at home, the tender counsell of parent, and Friends, I had never com'd to this sorrowfull condition; but growing somewhat strong in my owne conceit, & too much fellowshipp and spirit of this World, fell into errour. I write these things for clearing of

[24] Joshua Wilson requested to attend M.M. 27 Oct 1710 (Q2, 125), 24 Nov (Q2, 126); testimony against him, 22 Dec 1710; 26 Jan 1711 (Q2, 127, 128).
[25] Letter received at M.M. 27 Oct 1710; copies sent to each particular meeting (Q2, 125–127).
[26] Certificate granted by M.M. 27 Oct 1710 (Q2, 125).
[27] Sufferings reported to M.M. 24 Nov 1710 (Q2, 126).
[28] See Q2, 125.
[29] John Atkinson was requested to attend M.M. 22 Dec 1710, 30 March, 27 April, 24 May 1711 (Q2, 127, 132, 133, 135).

Truth & Friends, taking the shame wholy to my self. I cannot add much, but desire that the prayers of the faithfull may be on my behalfe, that whether he remove me or lengthen my day, I may truly know his living power, & tender mercy over me & peace everlasting.

I rest your Lov: Frd.
Joshua Arthington[30]

To Friends of Leeds
Preparative=Meeting
These

Leeds Preparative Meeting the 25th 11th month [January] 1710.
Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Josha. Laycocks at Shawhill near Hallifax are, Gervase Elam & Samll. Hullay.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for to be register'd &c.

Armley
Henry Thompson of Armley having acquainted this meeting that he finds that his trade doth not turne to account, but that he's rather in danger to contract more debts (if he continue trading) than his effects will defray. Therefore he desireth friends' assistance, he giving this meeting account that at present his owne effects are more then will discharge all his debts. Friends of this meeting do desire Jno. Smith and Robert Eastburne to assist him in this his affair, and he to apply himself to'em, and give'em account of things as they are, and they to give account to the next preparative Meeting how farr they have proceeded therein.

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Whereas Joshua Wilson of Leeds hath frequented the meetings of us the People call'd Quakers, and been accounted as one of us, yet for want of taking due heed to the spirit of truth, and word of power which preserveth such as are faithfull thereto, he became loose in his conversation, and followed the lusts of his corrupt mind in taking too much strong drink, for which he was dealt with and advised against by some of us; but he persisting therein, to the dishonour of our holy profession, he was dealt with more publickly in our Meetings, as is upon record in our said Meetings Books: and albeit our endeavours as above he still continueth in his drunkenness. Wee the said People therefor in good conscience can do no less than give forth our Testimoney against such evil works, as the Lord by his prophets hath declared against in the Scriptures of Truth, and also against him the said Joshua Wilson denying him to be of us whilst he remaineth in that evil practice, so that what he may act in that pernicious way in which he persisteth, may not in any degree be charg'd upon us as a People. Yet wee desire

that the Lord in his mercy may bring him to true repentance (if it be his Will) for his evil works, that he may find mercy.

Sign'd on behalfe and by order of our Monthly Meeting

By

From our Monthly Meeting of Brigghouse held at Joshua Laycocks the 26th of the 11th month 1710.

Richd. Armitstead
Samll. Hullay
Gervase Elam
Miles Walker
Jno. North
Jno. Bell
Joseph Dickinson
Thos. Greene
Aaron Atkinson
Wm. Greenwood
Wm. Shiers
Benj: Bartlet
Joshua Laycock[31]

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Leeds Preparative Meeting the 21st 12th month [February] 1710.

Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at shawhill near Hallifax are Robt. Eastburne & Geo: Horner.

Marriages, births, & burialls call'd for to be registered.

Armley

Robert Eastburne & Jno. Smith gave account to this Meeting, that they had done somthing in the concerns of Henry Thompson; they are desired to go through the same & give account to the next preparative Meeting.

Poor

Collection made for the use of the poor, & sent to the Monthly Meeting by Geo: Horner is £ 2 : 9s. 0d.[32]

It is desired that Ed: Hullay, Benja: Ledger, Jno. Smith, Richd. Armitstead, Jno. Arthington, Jno. Cowell Junr., Aaron Atkinson, Robert Harrison or any four of 'em meet the next fourth day after the meeting & examine the accounts of Benja: Horner & Miles Walker relating to the stable.

According to the desire of Friends, most of Masters and Dames of Families, met & gave account of their clearness relating to Tythe.

[30] See Q2, 127.
[31] See Q2, 128.
[32] See Q2, 130.

Holbeck

Stephen Lambert of Holbeck laid before this meeting his design of setting up his trade of a broad cloathier & desires friends advice therein: Josp. Langstaff, Hannaniah Elbeck, Josha. North & Jno. North are to consider with said Stephen thereof, and to give him such advice therin as they shall see meet, and to acquaint the next preparative meeting therewith.

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Leeds Preparative=Meeting the 28th 1st month [March] 1711.

Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Liversedge are Zachariah Hopkin & Richd. Armitstead.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for to be registered.

Armley

Jno. Smith of Workley gave friends of this Meeting to understand that he with Robt. Eastburne assisted Henr: Thompson of Armley in making an end with & defraying of his Cr[Creditors] that was most refractory, & Henry saith that he doth not now owe twenty shillings to all people, & doth promise to pay of[f] what he oweth. Also the said Henry hath laid before this Meeting his intention of removing himself to London, & also that if he findeth not busieness there to his satisfaction he intendeth to transport himself into America. So that the representatives from this meeting may be capable to give the Monthly meeting account of his clearness from all debts, they with the assistance of Wm. Benson & Gervase Elam are desired to see that all his debts be paid, & that he be clear from other intanglements, as marriage &c., and this meeting giveth way to Henry to lay his intention before the Monthly Meeting, the said persons appointed finding him clear, not otherwise. Henry had a Note from his father & mother of their consenting to his said removal.[33]

Jno. Smith of our meeting laid before us his intention of marriage with Grace Wood of Yorke Monthly Meeting, & having proceeded orderly is left to his liberty of acquainting the month meeting therewith.[34]

[p. 243] Holbeck

Joshua North gave account to this meeting that he with the other friends appointed did examine into the affair to 'em committed relating to Stepn. Lambert, & they gave way to his setting up his trade, & advised him therein as they saw meet.

Robt. Harrison gave account that those appointed had examined the accounts of Benja: Horner & Miles Walker about the stable, & do find

them fairly stated; but they being not closed, are refer'd to the next Preparative Meeting.

The persons appointed to assist Will: Cowell & Richard Armitstead having continued in that place some time, it is thought proper by this Meeting, that others be put in their places, whose names are Jno. Cowell Junr., Samll. Hullay, Wm. Benson.[35]

Ordered that a Collection be made to reimburse Benja: Horner, & Richd. Armitstead to word it to the meeting on a first day, to be larger then a Common Collection for the poor.

Leeds the 25th 2d month [April] 1711.

Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Wm. Hollings's are Jno. Cowell Junr. & Peter Thompson.

Thomas Gummersall & Mary Pycocke laid before this Meeting their intention of marriage with each other, but wee finding that he had not proceeded so orderly in this affair as is advised by friend[s] in generall he was dealt with accordingly & way is given to'em to acquaint the Monthly=Meeting therewith.[36]

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for to register.

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The accounts of Benja: Horner being examined at this meeting, and found to be fairly stated & duly kept are allowed, & a Collection was brought in to reinburse him.

Benja: Horner brought in five pounds left by his Mor. Anne Readshaw to him and Aaron Atkinson to dispose of which was given to poor friends as followeth

By the consent of this Meeting

	£	s.	d.
Imprs. to Joshua Barber	01	00	00
to Jno. Cowell	00	10	00
to Richd. Wilkinson	00	07	06
to Thos. Pawson	00	05	00
to Wm. Birkby	00	07	06
to Jno. Turner	00	05	00

[33] Henry Thompson granted a removal certificate to America (M.M. 30 March 1711; Q2, 131).

[34] See Q2, 131, 133; E22, 239.

[35] William Benson's name added in a different hand.

[36] See Q2, 132 ('Thomas haveing proceeded to gain the young womans affections without the consent of her mother, he was accordingly delt with, and this meeting desires that it may be a caution to others'), 135, 136. Leeds Women's meeting consented to the proceedings (E22, 238).

to Francis Siddall	00 04 00
to Ruth Binks	00 02 00
to Rachell Newcomb	00 02 06
to Thos. Swails	00 01 06
to Grace Saxton	00 02 00
to Grace Jackson	00 02 00
to Anne Clough	00 02 06
to Eliz: Wilson	00 05 00
to Rachell Barber	00 05 00
to John Harrison	00 04 06
to Samll. Wildy	00 02 06
Totall is	04 08 06

Miles Walker profering to give twenty shillings per annum for the stable chamber when finished, it's thought fitt that it be done, & that five pounds, due on Robert Pearts Legacy to Friends be imploy'd towards the finishing of the said chamber and the propos'd rent to go to poor Friends.
Stables accounts referr'd to next preparative meeting.

[p. 245] at our Preparative Meeting the 23d 3d month [May] 1711.
Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly meeting at Mankinholes are, Edward Hullay & Hannaniah Elbeck.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for to be register'd.

Mary Cowell daughter of Jno. Cowell acquainting this meeting with her desire of removing up to London in order to be servant in a friends family there, and she having the consent of her father & Friends, liberty is given her to acquaint the month=meeting therewith, for to obtain a certificate.[37]

Leeds Preparative Meeting the 13th 4 Month [June] 1711.
Friends appointed to attend Monthly Meeting at Leeds a[re] Richd. Armitstead and Benja: Ledger.

Marriages, births & burialls cald for to be regester'd.

Ordered that Richd. Armitsted to speak to Wm. Hal[l] for a certificate.

Stable
Accounts of stable refered.
And as to the chambering over the stable: Richd. Armitstead, Ed: Hulley & John Smith or 2 of them [are] ordred to view the stable and consider the charge and give itt in to nextt preparative Meeting.

Collection made for the poor and ordred to the Monthly Meeting by Miles Walker is £2 : 6s : 6d.[38]

[p. 246] Leeds Preparative Meeting the 25th 5 month [July] 1711
Friends apointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Shawhill are Josa. North & Samll. Hulley.

Marriages, births & burials cald to be regestered.

Richd. Armistead having not spoak to Wm. Hall for his cirtificate, he is desired to do itt betwixt and next Preparative Meeting.

Henry Tate having offered his cirtificate to this Meeting is desired to present it to the Month Meeting.[39]

Accounts of stable refered.
Richd. Armitstead gave an account to this Meeting that they had considered about the charge of the stable chambering and supposes it may be about £12: 3s: 7d: which is refer'd to the consideration of nextt Preparative Meeting.

William Cowell Junr. lade before this Meeting his intention of setting up his trade of a flax=dresser, so this Meeting apoints Richd. Armitstead, Benja. Hornor & Josa: Barber to consider therof and advise him as they see meete.

Leeds Preparative Meeting the 29th 6th month [August] 1711.
Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Shaw=hill are Benja: Horner & Robert Eastburne.

Marriages, births, & burials call'd for to be registered.

Richd. Armitstead gave account that he had spoken to Wm. Hall [p. 247] for his certificate, & that he expected him to have been here this day; but he not being at this Meeting, Richd. is still desired to stirr him up to come as afore desired.[40]

Holbeck & Workley
Daniel Langstaff & Sarah Wilson laid before this Meeting their intentions of marriage with each other, and having consent of parents &c. are left to their liberty of acquainting the Monthly Meeting therewith.[41]

[37] Proposal for removal made at Leeds Women's meeting, 28 March, 23 May 1711 (E22, 238, 239). Certificate provided by M.M. 25 May 1711 (Q2, 135).
[38] See Q2, 139.
[39] Certificate of removal from Scarborough M.M. 1 May 1711, received at Brighouse M.M. 31 Aug 1711 (Q2, 142).
[40] Wm Hall presented certificate of removal from Marsden M.M. (31 Aug 1711; Q2, 142).
[41] See Q2, 142, 146, 149; E22, 237.

Generall the Stable

Miles Walker brought in the account of the stable-building which was allowed of by this Meeting, & ordered to be ingrossed in the preparative Meeting=Book.

The Collection for the poor being £2 : 6s. : 6d. was sent to the Monthly Meeting by Robert Eastburne.[42]

Young==Traders

Richd. Armitstead gave account that those appointed had spoken to Wm. Cowell Junr. about his begining of the trade of flax=dressing & had given way to his setting up with the consent of his father.

Stable

Friends having under their consideracion the making of a chamber over the stable, it was agreed that it should be chamber'd, & a Subscription was made, & Benja: Horner, Benja: Ledger, Jno. Smith, & Richd. Armitstead are appointed to take care about the doing of it, & Robt. Harryson.

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1709	Stable Beloning the Meeting=house Dr.	£	s.	d.
	To pd. James Wild at Severall times	24 :	3 :	00
	To pd. Jno. Arthington	08	15	
	to pd. Wm. Birkby at Severall times	6	2	4
	to pd. Thos. Pullan for Sand and paving stones	2	2	-
	To pd. Will. Ash for Paving	1	-	11
	To pd. Thos. Jackson for Iron=Work		12	7
	to pd. for Drink & Rearing		6	-
	to pd. for Moss		4	2
	To pd. for Slate=pins		2	0
	to pd. for Lock, Staple, & Stonebrods		2	1
	to pd. a Labourer 1s. 6d. for hair 4d.		1	10
	to pd. for Capes		8	4
	to pd. for Capes for Wall		2	6
	to pd. David Stead		16	8
	to pd. Thos. Kitchingman for Deals		11	-
	to pd. Jno. Armitage for worke done		7	6
	to pd. Josha. North & Stepn. Elbeck for wood=leading	2	13	-
	to pd. Edwd. Haslegreave for Chamber Shutter		3	3
	to pd. Jno. Arthington more being's 1st & 2nd Coll.	2	5	-
	to pd. Jno. Butterfield for Leading 3 Loads of Poles		13	-
	to pd. Jno. Arthington for Slate	1	6	-
	to Leckage Edwd. Hullay not paying	1	-	-
		53	18	2

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Per Contra Cr. 1709.

	£	s.	d.
By Cash the first Subscription	35 :	9 :	=
By Cash the Second Subscription with 2 poles M: Walker had	18 :	9 :	2
	53 :	18 :	2

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Leeds Preparative Meeting the 12th 7th month [September] 1711.

Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly Meeting at Liversedge are Wm. Jackson & Samll. Hullay.

Marriages, births, & burialls call'd for to register.

Paper Relat. to the Settlmt. of the Poor

Receiv'd a paper from the Quarter Meeting from the Yearly Meeting at London, relating to the poor, which was read, and ordered to be recorded in our Book.

A Collection made for the use of the Quarterly Meeting, being £2 2s. 0d. was sent to the Monthly Meeting by Samuell Hullay.[43]

Wm. Hall & Wife

Received a certificate from Wm. Hall signifieing Pontefract's= Monthly=Meetings unity with said Wm. & his wife: he is desired to present his said certificate to the next Monthly Meeting.[44]

Thomas Swails having diverse times made complaint that his necessity is greater than what he receives from friends will supply; therefore Josha. North & Samll: Hullay desired to visit him and give an account thereof to the next Preparative Meeting.[45]

Holbeck

Richd. Armitstead & Miles Walker desired to speake to Richd: Tale= ford to come to next preparative Meeting.

Leeds Preparative Meeting the 24th 8th Month [October] 1711.

Friends appointed to attend at the monthly meeting at Wade house are Joshua North & Samll. Crowther.

Births, marriages & burialls calld for & brought in.

[42] See Q2, 143.
[43] See Q2, 147.
[44] See Q2, 153. Certificate presented 14 Dec 1711.
[45] Up to that time he had received 3s. each month.

Joshua North inform'd this Meeting that Thos. Swales can earn but little, & that he complains of want; it is therefore thought meet that 6d. a month be added to his present allowance, & that he have a pair of new cards bought.

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Jno. Plummer & Mary Whitacer layd before this Meeting their intentions of marriage with each other, & shee shewed a certificate from Friends at London where she lately liv'd of her clearness in relation to marriage &c. So this Meeting giveth 'em liberty to acquaint the Monthly Meeting therewith.[46]

Richd. Tailforth appearing at this Meeting was advised to be more carefull in his conversation.

Desired that all Masters of Families & dames who are Widdows do meet upon the 4th day next before the Preparative meeting and give account of their clearness from paying of tythes &c. Richd. Armitstead to speake thereof the next first day before said Meeting.

Leeds Preparative meeting the 20th 9th month [November] 1711

Friends appointed to attend at the Monthly meeting at Leeds are Stephen Elbeck & Geo: North.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for & brought in.

A paper being read in this Meeting from the Quarterly Meeting relating to the building a new Meeting=house at Yorke, this Meeting is willing to the same, provided that it can be builded in a commodious place of the city.[47]

According to desire of our last meeting most of friends as aforesaid mett together & gave account of their clearness relating to Tythe &c.

A Collection for the poor was ordered to the Monthly Meeting by Miles Walker, which is £ 2 : 8s. : 6d.[48]

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Leeds Preparative meeting the[49] 12th 10th month [December] 1711.

Friends appointed to atten[d] at the Monthly Meeting at Bradford are Joshua Barber & Richd. Armitstead.

Marriages, births & burialls call'd for to register.

The Women Friends acquainted this meeting that they spake to Sarah the wife[50] of Daniel Langstaff relating to her evil practices, & desired her to appear at this Meeting which she promised to do, but not coming

according to her promise, that concerne is ordered to be laid before the Month=Meeting.[51]

Leeds Preparative Meeting the 16th of 11th month [January] 1711. Friends appointed to attend at Monthly Meeting at Leeds are Aaron Atkinson and Gervase Elam.

Marriages, births & burials called for and brought in.

Jacob Webster being at this Meeting was spoke to relating to his practices which are found not to be consistant with his profession, but a dishonour to Truth, but he promising to endeavour amendment, Friends are willing yet to forbear giving a Testimony against him, desiring that he may come to a betterment in his condition.

Richd. Taleforth & Ruth Binks published their intentions of marriage with each other: & they are permitted to acquaint the Monthly Meeting therewith.[52]

Friends having under their consideration the gathering of first day & Week day's Meetings: it's agreed upon that they gather at the 10th hour, & if any friends make a practice of comeing late, that they be spoke to by the persons appointed to see the conduct of friends.

Leeds Preparative meeting the 20th of 12th month [February] 1711. Friends appointed to attend at monthly Meeting at Bradford are Robt. Eastburn & Richd. Armitstead.

Marriages, births & burials called for to register.

	£ s. d.[53]
Collected for the poor & sent to the monthly Meeting by Robt. Eastburn	02 : 06 : 00

[46] See Q2, 148, 151, 153; E22, 237 (John Plumer, Mary Whiteker).

[47] Paper sent from M.M. 26 Oct 1711 (Q2, 149). Leeds and Gildersome gave an encouraging response (28 Nov 1711; Q2, 151).

[48] See Q2, 151.

[49] Word repeated.

[50] daughter *deleted.*

[51] See Q2, 153–60, 162. Sarah (Wilson) Langstaff disowned 25 Jan 1712, she having before marriage denied that she was pregnant, and soon after borne a child which she fathered on some person who was not her husband.

[52] See Q2, 154, 158–9, 162 (Ruth Bing); E22, 235.

[53] See Q2, 162.

[281–254 *Beginning inside back cover and running in towards the middle of the book. Pages 279–254 devoted to accounts*]

[p. 281] [*four names crossed through:*]
Joseph Dickenson
Zacharias Hopkins
George Hornor
Aron Atkinson

1705

The Names of Friends appoynted to Atend the Mo: Meeting by Course

1 Robt. Arthington & Benja: Hornor
2 Wm: Jackson & Samll. Hulley
3 John North & Samll. Crowther
4 Stephen Elbeck & Jno. Gott
5 Joshua Barber & Wm. Benson of Armley
6 Wm. Cowell & Robt. Eastburn
7 Wm. or Samll. Dickenson & Josa. North
8 Richd: Armistead & Thos. Benson
9 Aaron Atkinson & Joseph Dickenson
10 Zacha: Hopkings & Josa. Arthington
11 Henry Thompson & Jno. Cowell Jnr.
12 Miles Walker & George Horner
13 Ed. Hulley & Hannania Elbeck
14 Benja. Ledger & Joseph Lupton

[p. 280] [*two lists, written in parallel columns across the page:*] [*both lists crossed through*]

1699

The Names of Such Friends as are willing to enter into the Service of the Truth in attending the Month Meeting by Two at once as their turn coms 1699

1 Robt. Arthington & Wm. Jackson
2 [1]Stephen[1] Hannaniah Elbeck & Samll. Crowther
3 Josa: North & Stephen Elbeck
4 Josa: Barber & Wm. Benson of Armley
5 Wm: Cowell & Robt. Eastburn
6 Jno. Cowell & Benja. Hornor
7 Richd. Armistead & Jno. North
8 Jno. Gott & Thomas Benson

9 Jno. Sykes & Benja. Ledger
10 Wm. Pycock[1] & Wm. Benson[1] of Churwell
11 [1]Miles Walker & Jno. Barlow Sr.[1]
Josa: Arthington
12 Hen: Thompson & { Samll. Dickenson / or Wm. Dickenson
13 Joseph Dickinson & Aaron Atkinson
14 Zachr: Hopking George Hornor

1699

The Names of Such Friends that are minded to Serve the Truth in accompaning Traviling Friends to the next Meeting (they goe to) by Two at once as their Turn coms.

1 [1]Stevn[1] Hananiah Elbeck (Senr.) & Josa: North
2 Robt. Arthington & Wm. Jackson
3 Samll. Hulley & Jno. North
4 Stepn. Elbeck[1] Jnr. Joseph Elbeck[1]
Georg North [1]Garvis Elam[1]
5 [1]Jno. Holsworth[1] & Wm. Benson of Armley
6 Tho. Benson & [1]Jno. Gott[1] George North
7 [1]Jno. Ledger[1] Timothy Brogden & Samll. Crowther
8 Wm. Cowell & Robt. Eastburn
9 Benja: Hornor & [1]Jno. Barlow[1] Joshua Arthington
10 Richd. Armistead & Abra. Kendell
11 [1]Wm. Pycock &[1] Wm. Benson of Morley
Sam. [?] Dickenson
12 Peter Thompson & [1]Rob: Walker[1] Henry Thompson Jnr.
Zacha: Hopking [1]Josa. Dickenson[1] G. Hornor
[1]Joseph Elbeck[1] Jno. Benson Jo. Dickenson
[1]Peeter Thompson[1] Garvis Elam & Rob. Harryson

[1]. . .[1] deleted.

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Leeds the 13th of 6th Month 1693

	£	s	d
A Collection Collected for the use of the Pore Sent to the Monthly Meeting By John Sykes & T: Benson	1	2	6

Leeds the 24th Xth Month 1693

	£	s	d
A Collection Collected for the use of the Pore & Sent to the Monthly Meeting by Stephen Elbeck	£1	4	0

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The 25th 6th Month 1693

	£	s	d
Received from the Monthly Meeting by Robert Arthington & Jno. Sykes	£1	10	0
Tenn Shillings thereof was Given to Danll: Langstaf, in Part of the Some of Two pounds which he is to have with Wm. Mettcalf	0	10	0
Tenn Shillings To Wm. Cundill	0	10	0
Tenn Shillings To Reburs what was before Given to Pore Friends. Wm. Cundale had 5s. of it	0	10	0
	£1	10	-

The 27th of 8th Month 1693 Received from the Monthly Meeting by Richd: Armistead which was given to Wm. Cundill as they ordered	0	5	0
Somma	£1	15	0

	£	s	d
Received of Robert Arthington which he brought from Monthly Meeting, It being the Gift of A Particuler Person. And Was Given to William Cundill by Friends	0	5	0

Leeds the 31th X Month 1693

	£	s	d
Received from the Monthly Meeting holden at Abraham Hockens of Hallyfax per Stephen Elbeck & Samll. Crowther	00	15	00
paid to Benjamin Hornor; to reburs what he was out of Purss upon the account of Pore Friends (Viz) Margrett Shaw, T. Pawson & Wm. Cundall	00	2	-

	paid Richard Armistead which he paid Joseph Liversige for A Cow that Wm. Cundall hath of his this Yeare	10 -
1693 X Mo. 30	There was paid into Jno. Cowell hand to Help the Nessesity of Tho: Pawson who Was out of Health	3
		0 15 -

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Leeds the 15th 3d Month 1694

	£ s d
A collection Collected for the use of Pore & Carryed to the Monthly Meeting by Richard Armistead & Jno. Gelders	1 3 6

Leeds the 17th 3d Month 1694

	£ s d
A Collection Collected for the Use of the Quarterly Meeting: & Carryed to the Monthly Meeting by Robert Arthington & Ste: Elbeck	1 1 6

Leeds the 16th 7th Month 1694

	£ s d
A Collection collected for the Use of Pore & Sent to the Monthly Meeting per Benjamen Hornor	1 4 -

At Leeds 13th XIth Month 1694

	£ s d
Collected for Use of Pore Friends & Sent to the Monthly Meeting per Daniell Langstaf	1 - 6

At Leeds 17th 12th Month 1694

	£ s d
Collected for the Use of the Quarterly Meeting & Sent to the Monthly Meeting per Wm. Cowell & Bryan Shefield Being the Som of	1 2 6

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The 26th of 3d Month 1694

	£ s d
Received from the Monthly Meeting per Richd: Armistead & Jno: Gelders.	1 1 -

1694	Six Shillings thereof was paid or Given			
Mo.	to Margrett Shaw	0	6	-
5 : 22	Margrett Shaw more Five Shillings	0	5	-
8 : 28	Margett Shaw more Five Shillings	0	5	-
XI : 22	Thomas Pawson Two Shillings & Sixpence	0	2	6
	Margrett Shaw Two shilling & Sixpence	0	2	6
	Somm	£1	1	-

The 28th 7th Month 1694

	£	s	d
Received from the Monthly Meeting (at Thomas Greenes) per Benjamin Hornor the Somm of Tenn shillings which was paid to Daniell Langstaf being the 2d payment according to Friends agreement as is Mentioned at Large in the Other End of this Booke.		10	

The 27th XIth Month 1694

		£	s	d
	Received from the Monthly Meeting per Daniell Langstaf	0	10	-
1695				
2 Mo. 2d day	Five Shillings of the 10s. above Mentoned was Sent to Margrett Shaw per Marcy Armistead		s	
		0	5	-
3 : 19	Sent her More of the same account per Stephen Ilbeck	0	5	-
		£0	10	0

[p. 275] At Leeds the 29th of the 3d Month 95

	£	s	d
Collected the 26th of the 3d month for the poore and ordered for the Monthly meeteing by Rich: Armistead and Jos: Barber the day above said £1 07s. 03d.	1	07	3

at Leeds the 15th 7th Month 1695

	£	s
Collected for the Poore £1 : 2s. & ordered to the Monthly Meeting per Benja: Ledger & Benja. Horner	1	02

[p. 274] Leeds the 31th 3d Month 1694

	£	s	d
Received from the Monthly Meeting for the Use of Our poore per Richard Armistead	0	15	0

1695 An account how the above Mentioned Money which came from the Monthly Meeting was disposed of. Viz.

		£	s	d
	To paid Margrett Shaw	-	1	-
5 Month	Sent Ed. Daniell to Relieve him in prison	0	5	-
	Sent Margrett Shaw per her daughter	0	2	6
5 : 25	Sent her more per ditto	0	2	6
28	Tho: Pawson per John Cowell	0	4	0
	Marget Shaw	0	0	6[1]
	Somm £	0	15	0

	£	s	d
Received from the Monthly Meeting for the Use of our Poore per Benja: Hornor this 20th 7th Month 1695: the Somm of One pound	1	0	0
8th Month 25: Received more from Monthly Meeting per R:A[rthington]		7	8
	£1	7	8

The abovesaid Money was Disposed of to Poore friends as followeth Viz.

		£	s	d
7 Mo. 22d	paid John Gott for Table of Isaac Shepperd 4 Weekes at 2s. 4d. per Weeke	0	9	4
	paid Ann Sidall for Margrett Shaw	0	4	-
8 : 22	paid for Table of Isaac Shepperd: 4 Weeks	0	9	4
	paid for Margrett Shaw per her daughter	0	5	-
		£1	7	8

[1] Final entry for Margaret Shaw deleted.

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		£	s	d
1695	Leeds			
10: mo: 15	Collected at our meeting to send to the Monthly Meeteing for the Releefe off the poore	1	02	00

[*Poor accounts from pages 273 back to 262, and thence back to 254 (although in not so much detail), give on facing pages the amounts of money received for Leeds poor Friends from the Monthly Meeting, and how the money so received was distributed to the poor.*]

		£	s	d
Mo. 1695				
10 : 27th	Received from the Monthly Meeting for the Poore of Leeds Meeting	0	9	0
1696				
First Mo: 28th	Received from the Month Meeting for the Poore of Leeds Meeting	0	12	0
3 : Mo.	Received from the Month Meeting per Richd. Armistead	0	1	6
12th Month 26th	Brought from the Month Meeting per Benja: Hornor	0	15	-
1697				
6 mo: 29th	Brought from the Month: Meeting per Samll. Crowther	0	13	6

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Mo: day	Leeds Anno 1695	£	s	d
8 : 30 :	paid Widdow Sayner for Keeping Isaac Shepperd one Weeke	0	3	0
	paid Margrett Shaw	0	6	0
		£0	9	0

1695 Mo. day		£	s	d
X : 8th	To Margrett Shaw per R:A	0	5	0
12 : 11	To Margrett Shaw per ditto	0	1	0
18	To Margrett Shaw per her	0	6	0
		£0	12	0

Mo: day				
3 : 20	Given to Ann Wilkinson Hunslit	0	1	6
1697				
1st Month	Paid to Danll. Langstaf, being the 4th & last payment which he was to have with Wm. Metcalf	0	10	-
3 mo. 25	paid Thomas Swales: towards his Nessesity	0	5	-
		£0	15	-

4th mo: 9th	paid Mary Thompson, Ann Wilkinson	0	2	0
10	To Thomas Pawson	0	2	6
	To Ann Wilkinson per W: Readshaw	0	1	0
6 mo: 2d	To Thomas Pawson	0	3	0
14	To Edmond Catley for Coles for Ann Wilkinson	0	5	0
		£0	13	6

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		£	s	d
1697				
8th mo: 31th	Brought from the Month Meeting by Samll. Crowther for Poore Friends	1	-	-
1697				
12th mo: 21th	Received of Mary Thompson which was left undisposed at Ann Wilkinsons deseace	0	1	-
1698				
1 mo: 26	Received at the Monthly Meeting at Tho: Greens		19	-
	Summ	£1	0	0
1698				
12 mo. 13th	Collected in Leeds Meeting for Hanna Ashton	3	-	-
1 mo: 25	Received from the Month Meeting as an addition to it.	1	-	-
		£4	-	-
3 mo: 29	Brought from the Month Meeting by Sam. Crowther	0	8	0
		£	s	d
6th mo. 26th	Received from the Monthly Meeting	0	8	0
8 mo.	Received from the Month Meeting for T. Jawett	0	12	6
XI mo : 28	Received per Benja. Ledger	0	6	
		£0	18	6

[p. 270] Account Leeds Giveth to their poore

		£	s	d
1697				
8th mo: 31th	paid Tabitha Jawett (per R: Arthington)	-	10	-
	paid Tho: Pawson (per Jno. Cowell)	-	2	6
Xbr. 22	paid Tabitha Jawett (per Ja: Pearson)	-	5	-
	paid Alexr: Hartley (per ditto)	-	2	6
		£1	0	0
1697				
Xbr : 22	Paid Thos: Pawson (per Jno. Cowell)[1]	0	2	6
	paid Ann Wilkinson (per Stepn. Elbeck)	0	2	6
XI mo : 26	To Ann Wilkinson (per Mary Thompson)	0	4	-
	To Tabitha Jawett for Rent per R: Arthington	0	10	-
	to ditto per R. Arthington toward her Removall		1	-
	Sum	£1	0	0
1698				
1st mo. 19	Sent to Abrham Morris of Lincolne for Hanna Ashton: per Richd. Kendell	4	-	-
3 mo. : 25th	Sent Thomas Pawson (per Wm. Cowell)	0	5	0
	Sent Alexr: Hartley (per Jno. Sykes)	0	3	0
		0	8	-
5th mo. 25th	Thomas Pawson had	-	4	-
	More to him	-	4	-
9th mo. 2d	Thomas Pawson	-	6	-
	To paid Robert Arthington towards Tabitha Jawett Rent	-	12	6
		£0	18	6

[1] per Jno. Cowell *deleted.*

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Leeds	Poore friends Account Received	£	s	d
1699				
2d mo. 11th	Received from Mo: meeting per R: Arthington		14	-
3d mo. 26th	Brought from the Month: meeting by Robert Eastburn	-	12	6
7th Mo. 22	Received at the Month Meeting at Tho: Greens	1	6	6
	£	1	19	0
1699				
X Mo. 22d	Received from the Monthly Meeting	-	8	6
Mo. day				
1 : 29	Received at Monthly Meeting at Tho: Greens	0	11	0
1700				
4th Mo. 17	Received at the Monthly Meeting at Leeds	-	8	1

		£	s	d
[p. 268] 1699	Leeds Poore friends account paid			
2d mo. 5th	paid Thomas Pawson	-	6	-
3: mo. 24th	paid Richd. Armistead for Alexander Hartley	-	3	6
	paid James Pearson for Grace Sackston	-	3	6
	paid Tho: Pawson per Ab: Kendell	-	1	-
		-	14	-
3d. Mo: 26th	paid Robert Arthington for Tabitha Jawett half Year Rent	-	12	6
6th mo. 1	Given to Alice Bainbridge towards her Charge to London	1	-	-
7 Mo: 20	paid Thomas Pawson	-	4	-
	paid Alexander Hartley	-	2	6
		£1	19	0
1699				
X mo. 20	Given Ann Sidall by Ro: Arthington	-	4	-
	Given Alexr: Hartley	-	2	-
	Given Thos. Pawson per Jno. Cowell	-	2	6
		£-	8	6
1st mo. 3	Given Thomas Pawson	0	2	6
1700 27	Sent Alexr. Hartley by Rob: Peart	0	3	0
	Sent Ann Sidall by Rob: Arthington	0	3	0
	Tho: Pawson	0	2	6
		£0	11	0
1700				
2: Mo: 24	Given Ann Sidall per R. Arthington	0	0	7
	Given Grace Sackston per R: Arthington	0	2	0
	Given Tho: Pawson per Mary Kendall	0	2	6
4 Mo: 12	Given Ann Siddall per Ja: Pearson	0	3	0
		£0	8	1

[p. 267] Leeds Poore Friends account Received

		£	s	d
1700				
6th 27th	Received at the Monthly Meeting	0	10	0
9th 29th	Received at the Monthly Meeting	0	15	0
		£1	5	0
1700				
Xth Mo: 20	Received at the Monthly Meeting	-	3	0
X Mo. 30th	Received at the Monthly Meeting	0	6	6
1701				
1st Mo. 28th	Received at the Monthly Meeting	0	18	0
3d Mo. 30	Received at the Monthly Meeting	0	5	0
		£1	3	0
6 Mo. 29th	Received from the Monthly Meeting	0	5	0
7 Mo. 19	Received from the Monthly Meeting	0	4	0
9 mo. 1st	Received at the Monthly Meeting	0	8	0

[p. 266] Leeds Poore Friends account: paid

1700 day		£	s	d
7th Mo. 1	Given Alexr: Hartley	0	5	0
	Given Tho: Pawson	0	2	6
9th Mo. 27	Given Tho: Pawson	0	2	6
	Given Ann Siddall	0	2	6
	Alexr: Hartley Rent	0	12	6
		£1	5	0
X mo. 10th	Given Ann Siddall	0	3	0
XI Mo. 28	Given Thomas Pawson	0	3	0
	Given Thomas Swaile	0	3	6
		£0	6	6
1701				
1 Mo. 26	Given James Peirson for Ann Siddall	0	2	0
	Given Ann Sidall per James Peirson	0	2	6
	Given Grace Sackston per Tabi: Person	0	1	6
	Given Thomas Pawson on his daughter being deceased	0	7	0
	Alexr: Hartley	0	5	0
		£0	18	0
3 Mo. 28	Given Alexr: Hartley (per Robt. Peart)	0	5	0
		£1	3	0

		£	s	d
6 mo. 27	Given Alexr: Hartley	0	5	0
7 mo. 17th	Paid Robt. Arthington which he had formerly Given Ann Siddall	0	4	0
8 Mo. 25	Paid Cristia: Hornor for Ann Sidall	0	3	0
	paid ditto for Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Summ	£0	8	0

[p. 265] 1701 Poore Friends account Received

Mo. day		£ s d
X mo. 28	Received from Monthly Meeting by Thomas Benson	1 10 0
1 mo. 20	Received from Mo: Meeting per Wm. Cowell	0 5 0
	Received more per my Wife	0 5 0
		£0 10 0
1702		
8 mo. 26th	Brought from Monthly Meeting by Wm. Benson	0 16 0
1702		
X Mo. 28th	Received from the Monthly Meeting	0 7 6
1702		
12th mo. 24th	Received from Monthly Meeting	0 12 6
3 21[?]	Received from Monthly Meeting	0 2 6
		0 14 0
1703		
7 mo. 14	Received from Monthly Meeting	1 0 0
9 mo. 26	Received at Monthly Meeting	0 2 6
4th mo. 21	Received from Monthly Meeting	0 15 0
X mo. 21	Received for Alexr. Hartley	0 12 0
		£1 7 0

		£	s	d
[p. 264] 1701	Poore Friends account paid			
9 mo. 26th	paid Robert Peart for Alexr: Hartley	0	2	6
XI: 1	paid Robert Peart for Alexr: Hartley	1	7	6
		£ 1	10	0

		£	s	d
12 mo. : 15th	Given Elizabeth Merry	0	5	0
1 mo. : 18	Alexr: Hartley per Robt. Peart	0	5	0
		0	10	0
1702				
8th mo. 26th	Given R. Peart for Alexr: Hartley rent	0	12	0
	Given Ja: Pearson for paying Tax for buriall of Jno. Siddall	0	4	0
		£ 0	16	0
1702				
X mo. 10	Given . . . . . She went to London	0	2	6
	Given Tho: Swaile; per Jno. North	0	5	0
		0	7	6
1702				
12 Mo: 24th	Given R: Peart for Alexr: Harley Rent	0	12	6
2 . . 28	Given Tho: Swaile per Jno. North	0	2	6
		0	14	0
1703				
7 mo: 14	Given Robt: Peart for Alexr. Hartley	1	0	0
1703				
9th mo: 24th	To Jno. North for Thomas Swales	0	2	6
1704				
4th mo. 21	To Thomas Swales	0	2	6
	To Robt. Peart for Alexr: Hartley rent	0	12	6
X 24	To Robt. Peart for ditto.	0	12	0
		£ 1	07	0

[p. 263] 1707 An account of What is Received from the Monthly Meeting for Poore Friends

		£	s	d
1st mo. 28th	Received from Monthly Meeting by A. Ledger	0	5	0
9 mo. 28	Received from Monthly Meeting by Jos. Barber	0	5	6
X mo. 28	Received from the Monthly Meeting	0	5	0
XII mo. 25	Received from the Monthly Meeting per Samll. Hulley	0	7	6
		£1	3	0
XIIth mo: 27th	Received from the Monthly Meeting	0	10	0
2 mo.	Received from the Monthly Meeting	0	10	0
		£1	0	0

1708		£	s	d
6 mo. 30th	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	5	0
8	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	10	0
	Received from ditto	0	4	0
9	Received more	0	7	6
X	Received per G: Horner	0	6	6
11th	Received Hannaniah Elbeck	0	3	0
12	Received for Thomas Swaile	0	4	0
1 mo.	Received for Tho: Pawson	0	5	0
2 mo. 29	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	4	6
3 mo.	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	5	0
4 mo.	Received from ditto	0	2	6
5 mo.	Received		2	6
		2	19	6

		£	s	d
[p. 262]	An account of Money Disposed to the Pore Men Friend			
1st mo. 29th	Given Thomas Pawson per A. Ledger	0	5	0
9 mo.: 28	Given Thomas Pawson	0	3	6
X mo.	To Thomas Swailes	0	2	6
	To Isack Webster	0	4	6
XI mo. 28	To Tho: Swailes	0	2	6
	To Isaack Webster	0	5	0
		£1	3	0
XIIth mo. 25	Given Thomas Swailes	0	5	0
	Given Joshua Siddall per Samll. Jackson	0	5	0
		£0	10	0
3	To Joshua Siddall	0	5	0
	To Thomas Swaile per Samll. Hulley	0	5	0
		1	0	0
6 mo. 31th	Given Tho: Pawson	0	5	0
8 mo.	Given Tho: Pawson	0	10	0
	Given Thomas Swaile at twice	0	4	0
9	Given Joshua Siddall	0	5	0
	Given Thomas Swailes	0	2	6
X	Given ditto	0	2	6
	Given Thomas Pawson	0	4	0
11	Given Thomas Swaile	0	3	0
12	Given ditto	0	1	0
	Given do.	0	3	0
		£	s	d
1	Given Tho. Pawson	0	5	0
2 mo. 21	Given Thomas Swaile	0	2	6
	Given Thomas Pawson	0	2	0
3 mo. 31	Given Thomas Swaile	0	2	6
	Given Thomas Pawson	0	2	6
4 mo. 22	Given Tho. Swaile	0	2	6
5 mo.	Given Ditto.	0	2	6
		£2	19	6

			£	s.	d.
[p. 261]	1709	An account of what money is Received from the Monthly Meeting for the Poore			
6th mo. 26		Received from the Monthly Meeting per Richd. Armitsted	1	0	0
7 mo. 16		Received from Monthly Meeting	0	15	0
8	25	Received from Monthly Meeting	1	0	0
9		Received	1	0	0
X		Received	0	15	0
XI		Received	0	17	0
12		Received	0	15	0
1 mo.		Received	1	0	0
2		Received	0	18	0
			£8	0	0

[p. 260] 1709	An account of Money paid to the Poore	£	s.	d.
6 mo. 27	Given Mary Harryson for the Table of Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Given Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Given Thomas Swale	0	3	0
	Given Thomas Pawson	0	5	0
		1	0	0
7 mo. 17	Given Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Given Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Given Thomas Swale	0	3	0
8 mo.	Given Thomas Swales per Z.H.	0	3	0
	Given Thomas Pawson J.K.	0	5	0
	Given Grace Saxston H.A.	0	5	0
	Given Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
9 mo.	Given Tho: Swaile	0	3	0
	Given Tho. Pawson	0	5	0
	Given Grace Saxson	0	5	0
	Given Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
X :	Given Tho. Swaile	0	3	0
	Given Grace Saxson	0	5	0
	Given Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
XI :	Given Tho. Swailes	0	3	0
	Given Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Given Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Given Tho. Pawson	0	2	0
12	Given Tho: Swailes	0	3	0
	Given Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Given Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
1 mo.	Given Tho. Pawson	0	5	0
	Given Thos. Swailes	0	3	0
	Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Given Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
2	Given Tho: Pawson	0	3	0
	Given Tho: Swailes	0	3	0
	Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Given Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
		8	0	

			£	s	d
[p. 259]	1710	An account of What Money is Received from the Monthly Meting for the Pore			
3d mo.		Received from Monthly Meeting	0	17	6
5 mo.		Received from Monthly Meeting	1	15	0
6 mo.		Received from Monthly Meeting	0	15	0
7 mo.		Received from Monthly Meeting	1	13	6
8 mo.		Received from Monthly Meeting	0	17	6
9th mo.		Received from the Monthly Meeting.	0	17	6
			£6	16	0

[p. 258] 1710 An account of what Money is paid for Reliefe of poore

		£	s	d
3d mo.	Paid Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Thos. Swailes	0	3	0
	Paid Thos. Pawson	0	2	6
4th	Paid to Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid for Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Tho: Pawson	0	2	6
	Paid Tho: Swailes	0	3	0
5	Paid Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Tho. Pawson	0	2	6
	Paid Tho: Swayles	0	3	0
6 mo.	Paid Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Tho: Swailes	0	3	0
7 mo:	Paid Richd. Armistead for Rachell Newcomes Rent	0	16	0
	Paid Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Thos. Swailes	0	3	0
	Paid Thos. Pawson	0	2	6
8 mo.	Paid Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Tho: Swailes	0	3	0
	Paid Tho: Pawson	0	2	6
9 Mo:	Paid to Mary Harrison for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid to Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid to Thomas Swails	0	3	0
	Paid to Thos. Pawson	0	2	6
		£ 6	16	0

			£	s	d
[p. 257]	1710	An account of what Money is Received from the Monthly Meeting for the Poore			
Xth mo.		Received from the Month Meeting	0	17	6
XIth mo.		Received from Monthly Meeting	0	17	6
12 mo.		Received from Monthly Meeting	0	17	6
1 mo.		Received from Monthly meeting	0	17	6
2d mo.		Received from the Month=meeting	0	17	6
3 mo.		Received from the Monthly Meeting	0	17	6
4 mo.		Received from the Monthly Meeting	0	17	6
			£6	2	6

[p. 256]	An account of what Money is paid for Reliefe of the Poore	£	s	d
Xth mo.	Paid Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Thomas Swailes	0	3	0
	Paid Thomas Pawson	0	2	6
XI mo:	Paid Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Thos. Swailes	0	3	0
	Paid Thos. Pawson	0	2	6
12 mo.	Paid Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Thos. Swailes	0	3	0
	Paid Thos. Pawson	0	2	6
1 mo.	Paid Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Thos. Swailes	0	3	0
	Paid Thos. Pawson	0	2	6
2d mo.	Paid Mary Harrison for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Thos. Swails	0	3	0
	Paid Thos. Pawson	0	2	6
3 mo.	Paid Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Thos. Swailes	0	3	0
	Paid Thos. Pawson	0	2	6
4 mo.	Paid Mary Harryson for Grace Jackson	0	7	0
	Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
	Paid Thos. Swailes	0	3	0
	Paid Thos. Pawson	0	2	6
		£6	2	6

[p. 255] 1711 An account of what Money is Received from the Monthly Meeting for Poore friends

		£	s	d
5th mo.	Received from Month Meeting	0	10	6
6 mo.	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	10	6
7 mo.	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	10	6
8 mo.	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	12	2
9 mo.	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	11	0
X mo.	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	13	6
XI mo.	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	13	6
12 mo.	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	15	6
1 mo.	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	15	6
2 mo.	Received from Monthly Meeting	0	12	0
		£6	4	8

[p. 254]	1711	An account of what Money is paid for Reliefe of the Poore	£	s	d
5th mo.		Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
		Paid Thomas Swailes	0	3	0
		Paid Thomas Pawson	0	2	6
6th mo.		Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
		Paid Thomas Swailes	0	3	0
		Paid Thomas Pawson	0	2	6
7 mo.		Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
		Paid Thomas Swailes	0	3	0
		Paid Thomas Pawson	0	2	6
8 mo.		Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
		Paid Tho: Swails	0	4	8
		Paid Thos. Pawson	0	2	6
9 mo.		Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
		Paid Thos. Swailes	0	3	6
		Paid Thos. Pawson	0	2	6
X Mo.		Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
		Paid Thos. Swailes	0	3	6
		Paid Thos. Pawson	0	5	0
XI mo.		Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
		Paid Thos. Swails	0	3	6
		Paid Thos. Pawson	0	5	0
12 mo.		Paid Thos. Pawson	0	7	0
		Paid Thos. Swails	0	3	6
		Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
1 mo.		Paid for Tho: Pawson	0	7	0
		Paid Thos. Swailes	0	3	6
		Paid Grace Saxton	0	5	0
2 mo.		Paid for Wido. Pawson	0	2	6
[April 1712]		Paid Thos. Swailes	0	3	0
		Paid for Thos. Pawson Buriall	0	6	6
			£6	04	8

Biographical notes

These notes provide background information about people mentioned in the text; in general they do not repeat information given in the minutes.

For the abbreviations consult the Bibliography and Key to Abbreviations (pp. xlvii–xlix).

From the mid-nineteenth-century Digests of the registers, and from other sources, an attempt has been made to give the years of birth and death, parentage, occupation, place of abode (as given at successive periods), marriages and children. The information from the Digests, although generally to be relied on, has been found defective in particular cases. There are duplicate and variant entries, orthography varies, and the treatment of Old and New Style leads to confusion in dating. Digest information here, although thought to be correct, should not be accepted uncritically without recourse to the original registers now in the Public Record Office [see List and Index Society, vol. 42. *List of Non-Parochial Registers main series & Society of Friends series* (1969), particularly pp. 268–75. This volume is an amended and supplemented reprint of the *Lists* published in 1859 by H.M. Stationery Office, and gives the current R.G.6, Public Record Office call numbers].

Other notes come from manuscripts in the Carlton Hill archives and in other collections. They may deal with various Meeting affairs not covered in the minutes, subscriptions to collections, or trading and personal activities. It will normally be clear whether statements without express reference come from any of these sources or from printed sources listed in the Bibliography.

AMBLER, Joseph (d. 1757), schoolmaster; removed to Selby, 1708; m. Sarah Sergeant (d. 1733) at Kingston upon Hull, 3 May 1711; ch. : Mary (b. 1712), John (b. 1713), Martha (1714–15), Jonathan (1716–17), Hannah (b. 1717), Elizabeth (b. 1720), Sarah (1722–23), Joseph (1723–33), Ann (1725–26).

ARCHER, John, of Dublin; received legacy from Joseph Hanks of Dublin, merchant, 1703; his house mentioned in inventory of goods of Michael Smith, Dublin, 1692; an overseer of the will of Isachar Wilcocks of Dublin, grocer, 1693. (Eustace & Goodbody, 101, 183, 216.)

ARCHER, Richard (d. by Nov 1727), shoemaker; of Gildersome; his proposed marriage in 1698 with Mary Walker of Balby M.M. not approved by Friends (Q1, 86); of Highflatts meeting, published intention of marriage with Susanna Webster, 1701 (Q1, 121); disowned 1707; Susanna Archer d. 7 Sept *or* 7 Oct 1743, of Gildersome; s. Thomas, of Leeds, cordwainer m. Esther Pearson at Meadow Lane, Leeds, 8 Nov 1727.

ARMISTEAD, Hannah (d. 1721), wife of Richard Armistead *q.v.*

ARMISTEAD, Marcy *or* Mercy (d. 1699), wife of Richard Armistead *q.v.*

ARMISTEAD (Armiststead), Richard (d. 1727 bur. Leeds), flaxdresser; of Gisburne, Yorks. m. (1) Mercy Midgley (d. 1699), widow, of Morley, at 'Nr Leeds', 21 Sept 1687; of Leeds, m. (2) Hannah Hulley of Wortley, at Leeds, 4 Oct 1700; ch.: Moses (b. 1701), Ann (1704–21); Hannah Armistead (d. 1721), a minister, took part in pastoral visits to families, and was Women's representative to M.M. Richard Armistead published intention of marriage with (3) Mary (Whitelock) Pycock (1662–1723), widow of William Pycock, *q.v.*; censured for acting too soon after death of his wife; advised to make provision for children; marriage took place before 21 Aug 1722; sufferer, 1683 (Besse II. 150–1), and in 1709, 1710 for tithes (L14, 186, 198); his house registered for meetings, 1699 (V28/4); active on meeting appointments (discipline, care of poor, advice to young men setting up their trade, family visits), and attended M.M. as representative many times (E2); attended for Leeds the meeting for Ministering Friends frequently between 1701 and 1726 (G1); overseer in Leeds meeting, 1711 (Q2, 134).

ARMITAGE, John, of Leeds; paid for nails for repair of Meeting House, 1691 (L21, 21). Benjamin Armitage s. of John, Leeds, b. July d. Oct 1700. Possibly the John Armitage of Wakefield (deceased) whose son Samuel, of Methley, linenweaver, m. Sarah Lupton 3 Feb 1714, at Leeds.

ARTHINGTON, John (1674–1720), s. of Robert (1636–1715) and Mary (Wadsworth) Arthington, of Farnley; m. Sarah (1685–1728) dau. of William Fletcher of Barnsley, at Halifax, 2 April 1707; the 42 witnesses included Abstrupus Danby (P.R.O. RG6/1276, 140); ch.: Mary (1707–09), Susanna (1709–10), Sarah (b. 1711, m. Thos. Wilson of Pontefract), Robert (1712–84, m. Phebe Morley, 1736), John (1715–78, m. Mary Jackson of Totties, 1739); trustee of Leeds meeting property, 1698 (*Jnl. F.H.S.*, 22 (1925), 52); representative to M.M.; of Armley, sufferer (tithes), 1709, 1710 (L14, 186, 212); d. 1720, of Armley, bur. Morley; his widow Sarah, of Bramley, m. John Thackerah, junior, of Gildersome, clothier, at Gildersome, 12 Nov 1724.

ARTHINGTON, Joshua (1677–1711), woollen draper; s. of Robert (1636–1715) and Mary (Wadsworth) Arthington of Farnley; of Leeds, m. Deborah Moore (1679–1704) of Wetherby, dau. of Giles Moore of Upper Gayle, at John Burleigh's

house, Wetherby, 10 Dec 1703; representative to M.M.

ARTHINGTON, Robert (1636–1715), of Farnley; s. of Robert and Jane (Houghton) Arthington, of Hengill p. Gisburne; m. (1) Mary (d. 1692, bur. Morley) dau. of Henry Wadsworth of Peacock House in Warley (Halifax), at Robert Cowling's house, 20 Oct 1672; ch.: John (1674–1720) *q.v.*; Mary (1675–77 *or* 1678); Joshua (1677–1711) *q.v.*; still-born child (b. 1681); Robert (1678–86); m. (2) Hellina (Tennant) Moore, widow of Edward Moore (d. 1698), of Wetherby, at John Burleigh's house, Wetherby, 19 Nov 1708; (she was active in Gildersome Women's Preparative Meeting, 1711–27, and representative to M.M. some 80 times (P26); Ellen Arthington of Bradford, widow of Robert d. 1734, bur. Bradford); Robert Arthington sufferer in early 1680s (Besse II, 158, 163, 170), and frequently for tithes between 1682 and 1711 (L14); had goods restored under Declaration of Indulgence 1687/8 (Wardell, 56–7); active in Leeds meeting at least from 1683, and directed the repairs to the Meeting House, 1691, giving oversight of the work to John Wailes (L21); on appointments in the Quarterly Meeting, 1691, 1694, 1699 (information from Pearson Thistlethwaite); Gildersome representative to M.M.; subscribed £7 for Gildersome Meeting House, 1709 (P32, 48); may have been steward on the estate at Farnley of Sir Abstrupus Danby (1655–1727), and probably leased the coal mines at Farnley from him; in the Brotherton Library, University of Leeds, are two cash books [Leeds University MSS. 11 and 14] kept by Robert Arthington and his sons John and Joshua (R. Offor, 'Two mining account books from Farnley Colliery, 1690–1720' *Transactions of the Yorkshire Dialect Society*, 5, part 34, Oct 1933, 9–28). The library of the Thoresby Society, Leeds contains a collection of notes for the history of the Arthington family, including 'The Pedigree of the Arthingtons of Leeds Quakers' (MS Box VI/1).

ASHTON, Hannah (of Lincoln in 1698); perhaps the Ann Ashton, sufferer 1670, 1671 (Besse II, 135; L14, 66).

ATKINSON, Aaron (c. 1665–1740), of Hyberries, Cumberland, later of Leeds; s. of Edward Atkinson of Masthorn, par. Stapleton, Cumberland; m. (1) Tabitha Wails (1669–1729) dau. of John (d. 1691) and Isabel (Cowper) Wails, of Woodhouse, 13 Nov 1700; (Tabitha Atkinson on appointment as Leeds Women's representative to M.M.); ch.: Benjamin (1701–09), Patience (b. 1703, m. Juboel Torr, 1730?), Christiana (b. 1704, m. William Graham of Brough, 1731?), Tabitha (1706–44), Aaron (b. & d. 1708), Ann (b. & d. 1710), Mary (1712–40); Aaron Atkinson m. (2) Mary Potter of Gainsborough, 9 June 1732; travelled widely in the ministry in England and America, and accompanied Thomas Story on some of his travels; active in Leeds meeting, and frequently representative to M.M.; sufferer (tithes), 1709, 1710 (L14, 187, 198); witness to Robert Peart's legacy instructions, 24 Aug 1709 (V27/1). (Thomas Story, *Journal*, 1747; *Collection of Testimonies*, 1760, 130–1; James Backhouse, *Life and correspondence of William and Alice Ellis*, 1849; *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 14 (1917), 31–2; B.R.S., xxx, 233.)

ATKINSON, John, of Holbeck, tailor.

ATKINSON, William, of Holbeck, labourer; sufferer, 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154, 158); William and Samuel Atkinson received payment for bands and nails for repair of Meeting House, 1691 (L21, 21); disowned for marrying out, 1707.

BARBER, Joshua (1660–1732 *or* 1733), of Burley, Leeds; b. at Esholt, s. of Samuel

and Elizabeth Barber; convinced at about the age of 17 and joined Friends of Rawdon meeting; of Yeadon m. Hannah Marshall of Idle, at Zachary Yewdall's house, Idle, 5 Nov 1684; ch.: Mary (b. 1685, m. John Birkett of Hunslet, 1709), Rachel (b. 1687, m. out 1719 *or* 1720); Martha (1689–1752), Samuel (1692–97), Joshua (1695–97), Sarah (b. 1698, m. Jonathan Lupton privately, before Feb 1726), Hannah (1701–29); the family was in Burley, Leeds by 1695. Joshua Barber was active on appointments in Leeds meeting (discipline, finance, tithe sufferings), and representative to M.M. many times; attended Yearly Meeting in 1713, and travelled widely in the ministry in England (particularly in the south and west) and Ireland; sufferer (for tithe), 1690 (Besse II, 170) and 1693–1711 (L14); after his death a testimony was drawn up and approved in Leeds meeting, 21 March 1733; his widow Hannah (d. 1740, bur. Meadow Lane) was visited and advised, and given assistance in disposing of the farm. (*Collection of Testimonies*, 1760, 67–71.)

BARBER, Mary (1685–1730), dau. of Joshua and Hannah Barber, of Burley; m. (1709) John Birkett of Hunslet, *q.v.*

BARBER, Rachel, possibly the Rachel Barber (b. 1687, m. out in 1719 *or* 1720) dau. of Joshua and Hannah Barber of Burley.

BARKER, John (d. 1711, bur. Morley), of Gildersome; wife Mary (d. 1711, bur. Morley); dau. Martha m. William Naylor of Ardsley, 1701; John Barker subscribed 5s. for Gildersome Meeting House, 1709 (P32, 48).

BARKER, Martha (d. 1702), dau. of John Barker of Gildersome; m. (1701) William Naylor of Ardsley, *q.v.*

BARLOW, John (b. 14 *or* 15 Jan 1677), s. of Samuel Barlow, of Leeds; trustee of Leeds meeting, 1698 (*Jnl. F.H.S.* (1925), 52); representative to M.M.

BARLOW, Mary, probably the widow of Samuel Barlow, of Leeds (alive in Dec 1682); ch. of Samuel Barlow: Mary (b. 1651), Seth (b. 1655), Jane (b. 1656), Dorothy (b. 1658, m. John Scott of Crowle, 1683? see *The First Minute Book of the Gainsborough Monthly Meeting, 1669–1719*, ed. H. W. Brace. I (Lincoln Record Society, 38), 1948, 95–6), Elizabeth (b. 1661, m. Samuel Hutcheson of Sheffield, and d. 1685), Seth (b. 1663), Thomas (b. 1666), John (1669–70), Mary (1671–74), Francis (1672–73), John (b. 1677). Ralph Thoresby noted the burials of Francis, Mary and Elizabeth and of another child Samuel (d. 1679) (*Ducatus* (1715), 101–2). Mary Barlow was employed in Leeds meeting in 1685, taking relief to 'Elling' Phillips (L21, 12); the proposed marriage between her and Robert Arthington came before the Monthly Meeting in Sept and Oct 1694, but never took place (Q1, 59, 60, 125).

BARRET (Barrit), Abraham (d. 1716, Within Vicarage of Halifax), of Mankinholes meeting; m. Susanna Taylor (d. 1722), of Shore, at James Stansfield's house in Stansfield, 2 May 1689; ch.: John (b. 1690), Martha (b. 1692). Sufferer, 1683 (Besse II, 152; L14, 11), and in 1697, 1709 and 1711 (for tithe) (L14, 139, 179, 202).

BARRET (Barrit), Susanna (d. 1722), wife of Abraham Barret, *q.v.*

BARTLETT, Benjamin (1678–1760), apothecary and antiquary; of Bradford; s. of Joshua Bartlett, bookseller and Sarah (Hird); m. (1) Bridget — (d. 1704); m. (2) Elizabeth Green (1684–1751), dau. of Thomas Green of Liversedge; s. Benjamin, junior (1714–87), F.R.S., apothecary and antiquarian. Benjamin

Bartlett took John Fothergill as his apprentice in 1728; in 1744 he was one of a company formed to organise a water supply for Bradford. (Hodgson, 29, 31–7; Raistrick (1968 edition), 280–3.)

BECKET, Thomas (alive in Feb 1700); Thomas Becket, sufferer (for meeting), 1684 (Besse II, 158); Thomas Becket, junior, of Carleton, clothier indicted for meeting at house of Grace Sykes, 1683 (Besse II, 154–5).

BELL, John (d. 1761 aged about 80), of Bromley, Middlesex; m. Deborah (1686–1738) dau. of John and Deborah Winn (Wynn) of Bradford, 31 May 1710. Deborah Bell's *Journal* of her travels in the ministry first published 1762. John Bell was the author of a number of works, and wrote accounts of John and Deborah Wynn and of Deborah Bell, in *Piety promoted.* (Hodgson, 9–12; Smith I, 232–4.)

BENSON, John (b. 1673), s. of Thomas Benson, of Gildersome; subscribed for Gildersome Meeting House, 1709 (P32, 48).

BENSON, Susanna (1676–1741), wife of William Benson, of Armley, *q.v.*

BENSON, Thomas (1662–1738), clothier, of Gildersome; s. of Thomas and Grace Benson, of Gildersome; m. Mary (1677–1760), dau. of James Bond of Bolton par. Calverley, at Bradford, 10 Dec 1707; dau. Grace (1716–49). Thomas Benson subscribed for Gildersome Meeting House, 1709 (P32, 48); representative to M.M.; sufferer (for tithe), 1695–1710 (L14); enquiring for a servant girl, 1709 (Q2, 87); a minister (information from Pearson Thistlethwaite).

BENSON, William (d. 1759), clothmaker, of Bramley (1698), of Armley (1699–1759); m. Susanna (1676–1741), dau. of John and Elen Elam, of Halifax, at Harwood Well, nr Halifax, 16 Nov 1698; ch.: Ellen (1699–1705), Gervase (1701–58, m. Barbara Aldam, 1736), John (1703–04), William (b. 1704, m. Tabitha Horner, 1733, removed to Blyth M.M., 1769), Susanna (1707–85, m. (1) Benjamin Ledger (d. 1741) in 1730, (2) Richard Brogden (b. 1716) in 1743), John (1708–15), Mary (1710–90), James (1713–71), Joseph (1715–52). William Benson a trustee of Leeds meeting property (*Jnl. F.H.S.*, 22 (1925), 52), 1698; his house registered for meetings, 1699 (V28/4); active on appointments in Leeds meeting, including family visits; representative to M.M.; sufferer (for tithe), 1699, 1700 (L14, 141, 144); will of William Benson of Armley, yeoman, dated 8 Sept 1757, proved 27 Sept 1759 (*Yorks. county magazine*, 2 (1892), 227–8).

BENSON, William, of Churwell; perhaps b. 23 Aug 1668, s. of Thomas and Grace Benson, of Gildersome; sufferer (for tithe), 1699 (L14, 141); subscribed for Gildersome Meeting House, 1709 (P32, 48); attended (for Gildersome) the meeting of Ministers between 1729 and 1738 (G1).

BENSON, William, of Morley; perhaps the same as William Benson of Churwell; one William Benson d. 26 July *or* 26 Aug 1742, of Cutler Height, Lordship of Tong, bur. Bradford.

BINKS, Ruth (d. 1727), dau. of Christopher Binks, of Holbeck; m. (1712) Richard Tailforth, *q.v.*

BINNS, John (d. 1718), of Masham; m. Grace Goldsbrough (d. 1724) of High Burton, at Ann Blackburn's house, High Ellington, 7 March 1677; ch.: John (1677–1713), Elizabeth (b. 1680), Joseph (b. 1684), Hannah and Ruth, twins (b. 1688), Benjamin (b. 1691), William (b. 1695).

BIRKBY (Burkby), William (d. 1713), of Beeston; wife Martha (d. 1734, of Churwell); ch.: still-born ch. (1696), Joseph (b. 1697), Benjamin (b. 1699), William (b. 1701), John (d. 1730). William Birkby sufferer (for tithe), 1707–11 (L14); after his death a committee was appointed to enquire into the circumstances of his widow, and to get the children apprenticed; in 1722 Joseph Birkby in debt, and Friends found that he had given a bill of sale to his mother and brother William, so that his goods could not be divided; Martha received relief from 1724 (E2).

BIRKETT (Burkhead), John (d. 1762), clothier, of Hunslet; s. of John Burkhead (dec.) m. Mary (1685–1730) dau. of Joshua and Hannah Barber, of Burley, at Leeds, 7 Dec 1709; ch.: Hannah (b. 1710), Sarah (b. 1711; dealt with for scandalous behaviour, 1732), Martha (b. 1713, had an illegitimate child, 1734), Joshua (b. 1715, m. out, 1734), Samuel (1717–18), Mary (b. 1721, m. out, 1747). John Birkett took William Birkby, junior, on trial for apprentice, 1713; got into debt in 1719 and had to sell up his goods; in poor health from 1720; worked for wages as a clothier; the family very poor; in 1728 he and his wife were blamed for keeping bad accounts and running into debt; advised to get a smaller house, and apprentice some of their children; received money from the Peart legacy, and allowance from the M.M. poor fund (E2).

BLAND, Elizabeth, received money from Robert Peart's legacy, 1714–22, but it was reported in Dec 1722 that she had returned the money last sent, saying that she had not now the necessity for it as when it was sent (E2).

BLAND, Jane (d. 1694), of Beeston Hall, wife of Richard Bland; sufferer 1684 (Besse II, 165). Richard Bland (bapt. 1624, d. 1692), Spanish merchant, of London; m. Jane (dau. of T. Lane of London), widow of Edm. Pott of London, 1650; purchased manor of Beeston about 1672. (LPR, 1667–1695, *Th.S.*, x, 375; pedigree in *Ducatus*, 207.)

BOLLAND, John, of Gildersome; one John Bolland sufferer, 1682 (Besse II, 150). John Bolland and wife Ellenor disowned for marriage by a priest, 1705 (Q2, 19, 23).

BOND, Grace (1665–1720), dau. of William and Jane Readshaw, of Beckwithshaw; wife of Thomas Bond, *q.v.*

BOND, James (d. 1722), of Bradford; m. (1) Sarah Booth (d. 1668) at Bradford, end of April 1665, dau. Elizabeth b. 1668; m. (2) Ann Pool (d. 1718), at the house of Jno. Jowett, beginning of August 1670; ch.: Robert (b. 1670), Rachel (b. 1672), John (b. 1674), Mary (1677–1760, m. Thos. Benson, 1707), Joseph (b. 1679), Richard (b. 1684). James Bond of Bolton refused to be sworn as a constable in 1691, and fined (information from Pearson Thistlethwaite); sufferer, 1683 (Besse II, 150–1), and in 1707 (for tithe) (L14, 165).

BOND, Mary (1677–1760), dau. of James Bond, m. (1707) Thomas Benson of Gildersome, *q.v.*

BOND, Thomas (d. 1702), clothier, of Greengates in Eccleshill; sufferer, 1683 (Besse II, 150, 168) and 1684, 1686 (for tithe) (L14, 133); his house registered for meetings, 1689 (*Nonconformist reg.*, 144–5; *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 22 (1925), 84); m. Grace (1665–1720), dau. of William and Jane Readshaw, of Beckwithshaw, at Wm Readshaw's house, 1 *or* 5 June 1688; Grace Bond, widow, m. Joseph Kitson (d. 1732) of Frizinghall, 12 Sept 1705.

BOOTH, William (d. 1708), of Gilder-

some; sufferer, 1683 and received relief (Besse II, 154; L21, 11); his wife Elizabeth (d. 1704 of Gildersome) prisoner at York, 1685 and received relief (L21, 13).

BORROW (Borrough), William, received payment for boards and nails, and for work done by himself, his man and a lad, in the repair of the Meeting House, 1691 (L21, 21); possibly not a Friend; a William Burrow of Essington d. 1713.

BOWES, Widow, of Farnley, possibly the widow of Richard Bowes (*or* Bowles) of Great Woodhouse, who left money for the poor of the meeting in 1687 (L21, 16).

BRETHERICK, Thomas (d. 1702), clothier, of Dublin; of Bramley, Leeds (b. 1642); went to Ireland, 1655; m. Sarah Lund of Wigginton, Yorks., 5 June 1679; perhaps related to the Jo: Brethericke who was paid for work on the repair of the Meeting House, 1691 (L21, 21). Thomas Bretherick, son of Thomas m. Mary Grumbly, of Dublin, in Dublin, 1713.

BROGDEN, Timothy (d. by 1737?), of Leeds m. (1) Esther Dyson (d. 1717) at Halifax, 16 May 1707; ch.: Daniel (b. & d. 1711), Esther (b. 1713), Richard (b. 1716; flaxdresser, m. Susanna Ledger widow (d. 1785 widow of late Richard), 28 Jan 1743). Timothy Brogden, sufferer (for tithe), 1709 (L14, 187); purchased (1712) a close in Blackman Lane called High Roads, for which his son Richard compounded a fine in 1737 ('Observations from the Mannour Book of Leeds, 1684–1741' *Th.S.*, ix, 286, 295); m. (2) Sarah Dyson (d. 1742), his first wife's brother's widow, in 1721, contrary to the advice of Friends (E2); s. Timothy (b. 1724); in 1723 he complained to the Quarterly Meeting about the condemnation of his recent marriage by the Preparative and Monthly Meetings, and a committee later reported that the M.M. minute did not amount to a denial, but that three words of the minute should be altered (information from Pearson Thistlethwaite); active on various appointments in the meeting, and subscribed towards the enlargement of the Meeting House in 1723; complaints were made in 1733 about his taking too much strong drink (E2).

BROOKE, John (d. 1744, 88 yrs), clothier, of Huddersfield; m. Hanna Marsden (d. 1726) of Huddersfield, at Jonas Preston's house, Rastrick, 30 June 1692; ch.: Zaccheus (b. 1693), Rachel (b. 1694), Joel (b. 1697), Hannah (b. 1706, m. Jonas Cooper, nr Brighouse, 18 April 1728). John Brooke suffered for tithe 1697–1711; in 1722 the family was in low circumstances, and a collection was taken in Leeds meeting 'for John Brooke's son to pay for the chirurgeon that cut his leg off' (E2).

BUCK, Mary (d. 1704), wife of Fardinando Buck (Pontefract M.M.).

BUTTERFIELD, John (1674–1740) of Rawdon, s. of Jonas Butterfield of Rawdon; m. Elizabeth (b. 1672) dau. of Henry and Mary Thompson, of Weston [1706?]; ch.: Jane (b. 1707 at Rawdon), Mary (b. 1709 at Kirkstall), William (b. 1710 at Kirkstall).

CATLEY, Deborah (b. 1687), dau. of Edmond Catley (d. 1704 *or* 1705) of Hunslet and his wife Sarah (d. 1697).

CATLEY (Cattley, Catly), Edmond *or* Edward (d. 1704 *or* 1705), of Hunslet; sufferer, 1684 (Besse II, 165) and 1697–1704, for tithe (L14); m. Sarah Abbat of Hillhouse Bank, Leeds, 15 Dec 1681; ch.: Stephen (b. 1684), Samuel (b. & d. 1686), Deborah (b. 1687), Ruth (d. 1689). Sarah Catley, wife of Edmond d. 1697.

CATLEY, Sarah (d. 1741), of Hunslet; poor and in poor health and given relief from 1728 (E2); possibly sister of Deborah (b. 1687).

CATLEY, Stephen (b. 1684), s. of Edmond (*or* Edward) of Hunslet; m. out, and disowned 21 Dec 1705 (Q2, 21, 23).

CLOUGH, Ann (d. 1729), widow, of Leeds; poor, received money from legacies to the poor, from 1712, and an allowance from the M.M. poor fund, 1722–29; in 1728 Friends spoke to her son about her maintenance (E2).

CLOUGH, Benjamin, of Hillhouse Bank, Leeds; married out and disowned, 1708 (Q2, 71).

COOKE, John. A John Cooke of Waplington, Pocklington p., sufferer, 1665 (Besse II, 111).

COOPER (Coopper), John (d. 1715 of Brighouse), serge weaver; of Rastrick m. Judith Hanson at Rastrick, 4 Jan 1700; sufferer (for tithe), 1709, 1711 (L14, 182, 207).

COPLEY, William, of Warley, Halifax, m. Sara Firth of Halifax meeting, at Robert Cowling's, Northowram, beginning of Sept 167–; ch.: Hannah (b. 1690), Caleb (b. 1692). In 1703 he was dealt with by the M.M. for divulging matters discussed at a meeting, to someone who was not a Friend (Q1, 153); sufferer (for tithe), 1707 (L14, 166).

COWARD, Mary (d. 1698), of Barnsley.

COWELL, John (1642–1724), clothier, of Hillhouse Bank, Leeds; bapt. 11 April 1642, s. of George Cowell (L.P.R., *Th.S.*, vii, 29); m. Sarah Hargreaves (d. 1700) of Gledhow, at William Cundill's house, Morley, 5 June 1681; ch.: Simeon (1682–90; burial also recorded in L.P.R., *Th.S.*, x, 363), Sarah (1684–1709), Joseph (b. 1686; a Joseph Cowell of Mabgate bur. 11 Sept 1755, L.P.R., *Th.S.*, xx, 512), Mary (1688–1726, m. Joshua Ambler of Quarry Hill, 1724), Susanna and Benjamin, twins, b. 1692; (Benjamin d. the same year, L.P.R., *Th.S.*, x, 375), Lydia (1695–1755, m. William Bownas (d. 1755) of Leeds, 1718). John Cowell kept the register book for Leeds meeting from 1670 (the volume now in P.R.O. RG6/1276), and was appointed to make copies of the deeds of the Meeting House and burial ground in 1713 (E2); sufferer, 1683 (Besse II, 154), and again between 1698 and 1709 (for tithe) (L14); prisoner, with Richard Kendall, in Rothwell Gaol from Dec 1701 to 1704, at the instance of the Rev. J. Killingbeck; M.M. and Q.M. paid for his 'chamber rent' at the Gaol (Q1, Q2); active on meeting appointments, 1713–24; from 1719 received money from legacies for the poor and an allowance from M.M., and contributions towards his keep were made by his sons-in-law Joshua Ambler and William Bownas (E2).

COWELL, John (1681–1730), clothier, of Quarry Hill; s. of William Cowell (1644–1719); m. Rebecca (1677–1756) dau. of James Turner, of Staningholme, at Hutton Cranswick, 2 Sept 1708; ch.: William (1709–71, cloth merchant), Elizabeth (1711–1805, m. Samuel Empson (1710–84) of Hollingthorp, 1737 and was the great-great-great-grandmother of the late Sir Charles Clay), Rebecca (1714–29), John (b. 1718). John Cowell was active in Leeds meeting and was frequently representative to M.M.; subscribed towards the enlargement of the Meeting House, 1723 (E2); sufferer (for tithe), 1709, 1711 (L14, 187, 210). Rebecca (Turner) Cowell travelled widely in the ministry, visiting almost every meeting in England and Wales, took part in pastoral visits to families and was active

in care for the poor. (*Collection of Testimonies*, 1760, 336–8; C. T. Clay, 'An eighteenth century Quakeress of Leeds; with some account of the family of Cowell,' *The genealogist*. N.S., xxxvi, April 1920; W. Allott, 23, 24, 31.)

COWELL, Mary (d. 1728), wife of William Cowell (1644–1719), *q.v.*

COWELL, Mary (1688–1726), dau. of John and Sarah Cowell; m. Joshua Ambler of Quarry Hill, s. of Dennis Ambler linenweaver of Silsden, at Leeds 13 May 1724; dau. Mary (1726–30); in 1724 Mary Ambler paid half the funeral expenses of her father John Cowell (E2); after her death Joshua Ambler, clothier, of Burmantoft m. Hannah Green (d. 1730) in 1727; a dau. Hannah born July d. Dec 1730, at Marsh Lane; on 6 June 1734 Joshua Ambler m. Anne Marshall in Leeds Parish Church (L.P.R., *Th.S.*, xx, 113).

COWELL, William (1644–1719), clothier, of Quarry Hill; s. of George and Mary (Ellis) Cowell, bapt. 24 Jan 1643/4 (L.P.R., *Th.S.*, vii, 44); m. Mary Taylor (d. 1728) of Leeds, at Leeds, 10 Oct 1677; ch.: Mary (1679–1750, m. Joseph Awty (d. 1758) of Dewsbury in 1712), John (1681–1730) *q.v.*, Hannah (b. 1682), Martha (1686–1765, m. Samuel Clarkson (d. 1753) of Wakefield, aft. of Pontefract, in 1716), William (b. 1688, m. out in 1717?) *q.v.*, Rebecca (b. 1689, d. ?), Rebecca (1691–1706). William Cowell was on a number of appointments in Leeds meeting (discipline, advice to young men setting up their trade, etc.) (E2); overseer, 1711 (Q2, 134); sufferer, 1683–84 (Besse II, 154) and in 1709, 1710, 1711 (for tithe) (L14). Mary Cowell was women's representative to M.M.

COWELL, William (b. 1688) flaxdresser; s. of William Cowell (1644–1719) and Mary (d. 1728); kept company with a woman from another church, and in Feb 1717 said he was married and refused to appear at Preparative Meeting (E2); probably the William Cowell of Cross Parish whose children are recorded in Leeds Parish registers: Elizabeth, b. 1717 (*Th.S.*, xiii, 249), John, b. 1719 (*Th.S.*, xiii, 261), William, b. 1722 (*Th.S.*, xx, 7), Joseph, b. 1724 (*Th.S.*, xx, 19), Richard, b. 1726 (*Th.S.*, xx, 27); children of William Cowell were buried at St John's, 1718 (*Th.S.*, xiii, 332), 1722 (*Th.S.*, xx, 116), 1724 (*Th.S.*, xx, 119). There is an entry for the burial at St John's of Elizabeth w. of Will. Cowell, 30 Dec 1734 (*Th.S.*, xxiii, 84). William Cowell apparently returned to Friends and in 1733 was on a committee to settle a dispute; but in 1737 the meeting was informed that he had been married 'by a priest', and he was disowned 16 Dec 1737. Leeds Chapelries registers record the marriage at Bramley, 25 Aug 1737 of William Cowell and Sarah Oddy (*Th.S.*, xxiii, 105), and the burial of the wife of William Cowell at St John's, 8 Feb 1758 (*Th.S.*, xxiii, 278).

COWLING (Coulin), Martha (d. 1744), wife of Robert Cowling, *q.v.*

COWLING (Coulin), Robert (d. 1709, abt 83 yrs), of Knightroyd in Northowram, m. Martha (d. 1744) dau. of Jeremiah Hilhouse of Gilstead, at Zachary Yewdall's, Calverley, 8 Sept 1686; dau. Hannah b. 1687. Sufferer, 1661, 1671, 1686 (Besse II, 104, 136, 168), and in 1669, 1670 and (for tithe) 1707 (L14, 66, 129, 166); his death recorded in the *Nonconformist register*, 247. Martha Cowling d. 27 June 1744, of Folly Hall, Northowram, widow. 'Mrs. Lee, a widow, d. with her mother Widow Cowling at Folly Hall', 1740 (*Nonconf. reg.*, 329). Richard Empsall near Snaith bur. 29 Dec 1710 'A Quaker. He married Robt Coulin's dr. of Northourum.' (*Nonconf. reg.*, 253.)

CRAVEN, Mary, widow, of Little Horton; sufferer (for tithe), 1701 (L14, 146); m. John Denton of Farnley, clothmaker, at Bradford, 23 June 1703.

CROASDILL, Daniel (d. 1723), clothier, of Shipley, aft. of Manningham; s. of William Croasdill, late of Shipley, m. Alice Parker (d. 1725, of Lenthorp in Thornton, widow) at Bradford, 2 Oct 1700; ch.: Alice (m. Richard Lindsey of Gildersome, 1734), Ezra (b. 1701). (*See also* Hodgson, 111, 125.)

CROOKE, Martha (d. 1705), wife of Thomas Crooke, of Pontefract; ch.: Thomas (1699–1705), William (1702–03), William (b. & d. 1703), Thomas (1705–08).

CROOKE, Mary (d. 1744?), dau. of Thomas Crooke, of Hay Park; m. (1702) Henry Thompson of Carlton, *q.v.*

CROOKE, Thomas (1681–1721), s. of Thomas (d. 1720?) and Isabell; of Hay Park m. Mary (b. 1680) dau. of Henry and Mary Thompson of Weston (later of Carlton), at Leeds, 2 March 1709; ch.: Ann (b. 1714), John and William, twins (b. 1716), Thomas (b. 1719). Thomas Crooke of Knaresborough meeting d. 3 June 1721, at Carlton. Thomas Crooke of Hay Park (the elder?) d. 21 Jan 1720.

CROWTHER (Crowder), Samuel (d. 1728), of Churwell; perhaps the Samuel Crowther of Armley, yeoman, sufferer 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154–5, 165); active in Leeds meeting, particularly as representative to M.M.; subscribed towards enlargement of Meeting House, 1723 (E2); his sister Deborah Crowther m. William Jackson in 1672, and their son Samuel Jackson (1673–1722) was the father of Martha Jackson who m. William Whitelock in 1732; a debt due to Samuel Crowther from Samuel Jackson is mentioned in the accounts printed by Beatrice S. Snell, 'Martha Jackson's minority. Yorkshire trustees' accounts — 1722–1728,' *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 45 (1953), 6–14.

CUMMIN, John, carpenter, of Meadow Lane; conveyed the Camp Lane site (on which the Meeting House was built) to Richard Stirke of Woodhouse, 16 Oct 1672 (copy of indenture V28/11); in 1720 Robert Harrison was asked to speak to Cummin, when he went to Wakefield, about making the way broader to the coalyard (E2, 58). 'Some data respecting Leeds Meeting', *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 22 (1925), 52 wrongly names him as Thomas Cummins.

CUNDALL (Cundell, Cundill), William (d. by Nov 1700), clothmaker (1665), of Morley; sufferer 1662, 1684 (Besse II, 109, 165); fined at Wakefield Sessions Jan 1666 on accusation by an informer (L14, 7); burial ground near Gildersome conveyed to Friends, Sept 1689 by William Midgley, William Cundall and John Sutton, clothiers, of Morley (Edward Parsons, *History of Leeds*, II, 74); £5 was lent to William Cundall by Friends' order (L21, 12), 1685; in Jan 1694 Leeds Friends were authorised by M.M. to recommend his necessity to the Overseer of the Poor of Morley, and to relieve him out of charity (Q1, 51). Ellen Cundell, of Morley, wife of William, d. 1672; William Cundall m. Sarah Watson (d. 1678) at Samuel Barlow's house, Kirkgate, 4 June 1674; there is no record of a later marriage, but Widow Cundell (d. 1730, of Morley) was receiving relief towards the end of 1700. William Cundall's son William apprenticed 1698; a Mercy Cundal of Morley, dau. of William m. John Sutton of Morley, 1669; another Mercy Cundal, of Morley, dau. of William (dec. of Morley) m. William Athay of Bruntcliffe, 1722. [Information available insufficient to determine exact relationship between the, probably two, William Cundalls.]

CUNDALL, *Widow* (d. 1730), widow of William Cundall, *q.v.*

DANIEL, Edward (d. 1696), clothworker, of Meadow Lane; m. Elizabeth Mather, of Wellingborough, Northants., at Thos Clive's house, Wellingborough , 9 Aug 1666; ch.: Samuel (1670–89; burial also recorded in L.P.R. *Th.S.*, x, 353), Mary (b. 1671). Elizabeth Daniel, wife of Edward, d. 28 Aug 1672; another entry in the registers records death of Elizabeth Daniel, wife of Edward, 21 Aug 1670. Edward Daniel had goods distrained, 1665 (L14, 64); indicted for attending meetings, 1683 (Besse II, 154–5); in 1695 he was in prison, and Leeds Friends were assisted by the M.M. in paying the charges for his release (Q1, 64, 66, 67).

DENTON, John, clothmaker, of Farnley, m. Mary Craven (d. 1735 of Bradford), widow, of Horton, at Bradford, 23 June 1703; of Little Horton, Bradford, sufferer (for tithe), 1703–10 (L14).

DENTON, John, of Armley. Perhaps the John Denton, Quaker, whose children are entered in Armley Chapel register: John (b. 6 Sept 1698), William (b. 4 Oct 1700) and Deborah (b. 6 Nov 1702) (*Th.S.*, xiii, 379). Deborah Denton, dau. of John [elder] and Sarah, of Wortley, m. John Jackson at Leeds, 1723. John Denton junior of Armley m. Sarah dau. of Joseph Spence of the township of Menwith with Darley, in 1723; their dau. Hannah (b. 1725, at Armley Hall) m. out in 1743; John Denton junior and his brother William were disowned by Brighouse M.M. in 1737 for drinking and swearing and going to races on Chapeltown Moor (E2; Q4, 152, 153, 154).

DICKENSON (Dickinson), John. Perhaps the John Dickinson of Gildersome who purchased lands there and erected the Old Hall; in 1663 concerned with his brother William in the Farnley Wood Plot; said to have turned Quaker at the close of life, but bur. St Mary's Chapel, Morley, 22 Aug 1704; bapt. Batley 9 Dec 1627, and m. before 1661; by his wife Hannah he had 5 sons and 2 daus — John (d. 1719, not a Friend), Joshua (d. about 1701), Samuel, Joseph (d. 1739), William (d. 1750). (S. B. Foster, *Wilson of High Wray*, 2nd ed., 1890, 52.)

DICKENSON (Dickinson), Joseph (d. 1739), s. of John Dickinson (d. 1704) of Gildersome; of Woodhall in Womersley, yeoman, then of Gildersome, salter, and lastly of North Elmsall; joined the Society of Friends in early manhood; will (undated) proved at York by his eldest s. 6 June 1740; wife Susannah (d. 1739); ch.: Joseph (b. & d. 1697), John (1700–78, land surveyor, of Gildersome), Joshua (b. 1702, probably d. young), Samuel (1705–80, of Brotherton), Joseph (1708–59, of Adwalton in Birstal), William (1715–90, of Gildersome), Mary (1695–1757), Hannah (b. 1698, m. Joseph Colbeck about 1721), Elizabeth (b. 1710, m. Joseph Eamonson, 1745, Wakefield parish church), Susannah (1712–61, m. John Law). (S. B. Foster, 53–4; and Friends' registers.) In 1709 Joseph, Samuel and William Dickinson gave the ground and £30 for Gildersome Meeting House (P32, 48); Joseph Dickinson attended meeting of ministers, 1714, 1718 (G1, 55, 64); sufferer (for tithe), 1703 (L14, 149); Gildersome representative to M.M.

DICKENSON (Dickinson), Samuel, woollen jersey comber, of Gildersome; s. of John (d. 1704) (Foster, 53); m. Esther Wadsworth, 8 Sept 1714 (P32, 20); with his brothers Joseph and William gave the ground and £30 for Gildersome M.H., 1709; Gildersome representative to M.M.

DICKENSON (Dickinson), William (d. 1750), woollen jersey comber, of Morley; s. of John (d. 1704); m. Rebecca Watson

(d. 1716) of Shotton meeting, co. Durham, 12 Oct 1709; ch.: William (1713–37, d. London), Mary (b. 1710, perhaps the Mary Dickinson aged 27 bapt. Wakefield 25 Sept 1738 and m. to Francis Moor the same day), Rebecca (b. & d. 1716). (Foster, 53–5.); William Dickenson and his brothers Joseph and Samuel gave the ground and £30 for Gildersome M.H., 1709; Gildersome representative to M.M.; sufferer (for tithe), 1707–11 (L14); attended meeting of ministers eight times between 1725 and 1732 (G1).

DRANSFIELD, Margaret (d. 1726), dau. of Francis Dransfield, m. (1710) John Metcalfe, *q.v.*

DRIVER, Thomas, of Gazegill in Craven. A Thomas Driver of Gisburne sufferer, 1674 (Besse II, 137) and 1683 (Besse II, 150–1).

DYSON, Esther (1673–1717), dau. of Henry Dyson of Rishworth; m. (1707) Timothy Brogden, *q.v.*

DYSON, Henry (bapt. 1637, d. by April 1708), s. of Simeon and Martha (Firth) Dyson; of Lower Goat House in Rishworth; wife Mary; ch.: Timothy (b. 1662), Daniel (b. 1664, m. Sarah Smith of Wortley, 1714), Simeon (b. 1666), Jeremiah (b. 1669), John (b. 1671), Esther (b. 1673, m. Timothy Brogden, 1707), Martha (b. 1676), Henry (1678–1742, m. Mary Overend, 1719). Henry Dyson sufferer 1669, and (for tithe) 1684, 1707–08 (L14, 13, 166, 176 — he is described as dec., April 1708). (For the Dyson family, see H. P. Kendall, 'Upper Swift Place in Soyland', *Papers &c., Halifax Antiq. Soc.* (1915), 157; and J. H. Priestley, 'Lower Goathouse', *Trans. Halifax Antiq.* Soc. (1944), 1–6.)

DYSON, Henry (1678–1742), of Rishworth; s. of Henry Dyson (d. by April 1708) of Lower Goat House in Rishworth; m. Mary (1695–1743) dau. of Joshua and Sarah Overend of Guiseley, at Bradford, April *or* June 1719; ch.: Henry (b. 1723), John (b. 1726), Samuel (b. 1730). (Samuel (b. 1731), Daniel (b. 1735).

EASTBURN, John, of Pennsylvania; brother of Robert; John Eastbourn liberated to marry Margaret Jones, 27 April 1694, Philadelphia M.M. (Hinshaw II, 511).

EASTBURN, Robert (d. 1755), of Swats, Keighley, aft. of Leeds, Hillhouse Bank; m. Sarah (1671–1752), dau. of Jonas Preston of Rastrick, at the house of Robert Eccles, Woodhouse, Rastrick, 1693; ch.: Esther (b. 1694), Benjamin (b. 1695), John (b. 1698), Mary (b. Jan d. Nov 1699; *see also* L.P.R. *Th.S.*, xiii, 150, '1699 Nov 14 Mary, dau: of Robt Eastburne, of Quarry hill, quaker, at quaker metting place'), Joseph (d. 1700), Samuel (b. 1702), Joseph (b. 1705), Sarah (b. 1707; of Philadelphia, m. Hugh Thomas, at Philadelphia meeting, 1734, Hinshaw II, 511), twins b. 18 June 1708, bur. next day, Robert (b. 1710; disowned, 1742, Hinshaw II, 511). Robert Eastburn on appointment in Leeds meeting, 1713; representative to M.M.; sufferer, 1703–11 (L14); in June 1713 he announced his intention of going with his wife and family to America; Friends expressed concern about means of livelihood there, and the dangers of the voyage (E2). Robert Eastburn d. 1755, and Sarah his wife d. 1752, of Philadelphia M.M. (Hinshaw II, 356); Benjamin Eastburn removed several times in America; in 1734 he and his wife removed into Philadelphia M.M., and he d. 1741 (Hinshaw II, 356, 511, 994).

EDERINGTON, William, of Farnley; a William Hetherington of Farnley, labourer, named in indictment for meetings at house of Grace Sykes, 1683 (Besse II, 154–5).

ELAM, Gervase (1681–1771), clothier, of Armley; s. of John and Catherine Elam of Halifax; m. Elizabeth (d. 1777, 85 yrs), dau. of John and Mercy Smith of Wortley, at Meadow Lane, Leeds, 26 Oct 1715; ch.: Hannah (1716–56, m. William Storrs of Hunslet, 1736), Catherine (1717–52), Sarah (1719–32), John (1721–89, m. Mary Frankland, 1746? 10 ch.), Gervase (b. 1723, went to America, 1753 (Hinshaw VI, 171–2)), Robert (1725–62), Samuel (1726–77, merchant, m. Mary Greenwood, of Hatfield, 1772), Emmanuel (1729–96, merchant, left £200 for the benefit of Friends in business in low circumstances within Brighouse M.M. and £500 to Yorks. Q.M. for educational purposes), Nathaniel (1730–36), Elizabeth (1731–66, m. George Lapage of Leeds, 1763), Joseph (b. 1733, merchant, bankrupt in 1769, went to America; disowned by Henrico M.M., 1788 (Hinshaw VI, 172)). Gervase Elam active in Leeds meeting, representative to M.M. many times; an elder, 1732; sufferer (for tithe), 1707–11 (L14, 164, 194, 210, 211). (*See also* R. G. Wilson, *Gentleman merchants. The merchant community in Leeds, 1700–1830* (1971), 243.)

ELAM, John (d. 1730), of Halifax; of Heath nr Halifax, 1730; first wife Ellen d. 1678; ch.: Susanna (1676–1741, m. William Benson of Bramley, 1698), John (b. 1678); John Elam m. (2) Katherine Benson at Thomas Taylor's house, Brighouse, 24 Nov 1680; s. Gervase b. 1681. Katherine Elam d. 1683; John Elam m. (3) Sarah Fletcher (d. 1737), at Jonathan Laycock's, Skircoat, 10 June 1692; dau. Hannah b. 1693. Sarah Elam travelled in the ministry, 1710 (Q2, 109). (*Nonconf. reg.*, 322 notes the death of 'Widow Eylam' who 'had bin a noted Speaker amongst the Quakers'.) John Elam sufferer 1669, and 1678 when the Friends who assembled for the burial of Ellen Elam were fined for a conventicle (L14, 7, 68; Heywood, *Diaries*, II, 249).

ELAM, Sarah (d. 1737), wife of John Elam of Halifax, *q.v.*

ELAM, Susanna (1676–1741), dau. of John and Ellen Elam, of Halifax, m. (1698) William Benson of Bramley, *q.v.*

ELBECK, Azariah (1679–1750), clothier, of Bramley (1709), of Chapeltown (1710–11), of Wortley (1712), of Armley (1750); sufferer (for tithe), 1710, 1711 (L14, 196); s. of Stephen Elbeck, of Wortley, m. Sarah (1684–1716) dau. of William and Mary Pycock, at Leeds, 8 June 1709; ch.: Elizabeth (1712–88), Mary (1710–11). Azariah Elbeck received money from Robert Peart's legacy, 1746–48; in 1747 Hannaniah and Azariah Elbeck were asked to attend the Meeting House as doorkeepers and to look after the stables, but they were unwilling to remove to Leeds (E2).

ELBECK, Elizabeth (d. 1733), wife of Stephen Elbeck (1671–1737) of Wortley, *q.v.*

ELBECK, Hannaniah (1673–1757), of Wortley (1701–11), of Armley (1757); s. of Stephen (d. 1700) and Mary Elbeck, of Wortley; sufferer (for tithe), 1701–11 (L14); representative to M.M.; active in Leeds meeting; subscribed towards enlargement of the Meeting House, 1723; with his family, came under care of Friends in 1741; received money from Robert Peart's legacy, and an allowance from M.M. poor fund from 1745 (E2); brother of Azariah Elbeck, *q.v.*

ELBECK, Hannaniah (d. 1748), of Wortley, m. Jane Dodgson in 1730; ch.: John (1731–33), John (b. 1733), Hannah (b. 1735), Elizabeth (b. 1737), Anne (b. 1740), Robert (b. 1742); in 1725 expressed desire to go to London to be servant to an apothecary; in Leeds 1730; in 1737–38 fell short of paying his just debts and was dealt with; in June 1748 his affairs again out of order, but he died before Friends could visit him and advise; his widow was assisted and settled in a house in Leeds, 1749 (E2).

ELBECK, Joseph (b. 8. i. 1666 [P.R.O. RG6/1276, 21], d. 1752), clothier, of Bramley (1701–08), of Bradford (1709–21), of Armley (1752); s. of Stephen Elbeck (d. 1700) of Wortley; m. Mary (1680 *or* 1681–1722), dau. of William Jowett of Bolton, at Bradford, 9 July 1701; ch.: William (b. 1702), Stephen (1703–82), Mary (b. 1704 d. 1765?), Jane (b. 1706), Sarah (b. 1707), Hannah (1708–29), Elizabeth (b. 1710, m. out, 1736), Ann (1711–13), Grace (b. 1712, m. out, 1743 *Th.S.*, xx, 357), Ann (b. 1716 d. 1716), Exercise (twin with Ann, 1716–82), Tabitha (1718–19), Joseph (b. 1721 d. 1777, of Armley, clothmaker). (*See also* Hodgson, 89, 91–2, 124, 125, 128.) Joseph Elbeck sufferer (for tithe), 1702–08 (L14); in 1736 his dau. Sarah had an illegitimate child; and his dau. Elizabeth m. out in the same year; in 1740 Stephen dealt with for disorderly conduct; in 1743 Grace m. John Fisher of Holbeck in Leeds Parish Church; in 1744 Joseph Elbeck was dealt with for contracting debts which Friends saw no probability of his being able to pay (E2).

ELBECK, Stephen (d. 1700); m. in Leeds Parish Ch, 7 Sept 1651, Stephen Elebecke and Isabel Jackson, of churchyard (*Th.S.*, vii, 124); ch.: Thomas (1652–54), Tryphena (b. 1654, Millhill, *Th.S.*, vii, 246), Rufus (b. 1656, Tenters, *Th.S.*, vii, 260, d. 1657), Phebe (b. 1658, Millhill, *Th.S.*, vii, 173), Tryphosay (b. 1660), Stephen (b. & d. 1662, Leeds), Phebe (b. 1664, Leeds), John (b. 1666 d. 1683, of Wortley), Joseph (1666?–1752), *q.v.* Isabel Elbeck, of Leeds, wife of Stephen d. 19 Dec 1666. Stephen Elbeck m. (2) Anne Smith (d. 1668) of Leeds, 15 Aug 1667; m. (3) Mary Stirke, 'of Leedmilne hill', at Geo. Lapage's, Leeds, 20 Nov 1670; ch.: Stephen (1671–1737), Annanias (Hannaniah) (1673–1757) *q.v.*, Hannah (b. 1675), Azarias (1679–1750) *q.v.* Stephen Elbeck sufferer (for tithe), c. 1690–1700 (L14); representative to M.M. Mary Elbeck (sufferer, 1684, Besse II, 165), wife of Stephen, of Wortley, d. 1685.

ELBECK, Stephen (1671–1737), clothier, of Wortley; s. of Stephen and Mary Elbeck, m. Elizabeth Hudson (d. 1733) of Wortley, 15 Jan 1696; ch.: Mary (1696–97), John (1698–1727, of Wortley, clothier), Stephen (b. 1702, m. Lydia Adcock of Idle, 1752, d. 1757 of Askwith), Henry (1703–36 *or* 37, removed to London 1723, m. Ann Wheeler of London, 1732), Elizabeth (b. & d. 1707). Elizabeth Elbeck was women's representative to M.M. Stephen Elbeck active in Leeds meeting (settling disputes, pastoral visits), representative to M.M., an elder 1730, 1732 (E2); sufferer (for tithe), 1699–1711 (L14); took Edward Duckworth as apprentice, 1700, to teach him the trade of a broad clothier (Q1, 110); bankrupt, 1737 (*Leeds Mercury* 4 Jan 1736/7; described as clothier and chapman).

ELLETSON (Ellitson, Ellerton), Benjamin, clothworker, sufferer, 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154, 157, 158, 165).

EWBANK (Ubank, Eubanck), Henry (d. 1699), of Wortley, yeoman; wife Grace d. 1694. Of Leeds meeting, 1668 (*Jnl. F.H.S.*, 2 (1905), 34; sufferer, 1656, 1671, 1683, 1684, 1690 (Besse II, 96, 102, 135,

154, 165, 176), and also in 1658, 1670 and (for tithe), 1690, 1694 (L14, 57, 66, 133, 134); connived at tithe payment, Feb 1694 (Q1, 52); with Robert Arthington, John Wales and others had his goods restored under Declaration of Indulgence, 1687/8 (Court Books of Leeds Corporation (*Th.S.*, xxxiv), 129–31; Wardell, 56–7).

FEARNLEY, Henry (d. 1694), of Mill Hill, Leeds; wife Mary; ch.: Isabel (b. 1675, m. Robert Taylor of York meeting, 1705), Priscilla (b. 1676, m. out, 1706), Richard (b. & d. 1678), Rachel (twin with Richard b. 1678), Henry (b. 1680), Joseph (1684–85).

FEARNLEY, Isabel (1675–1747), dau. of Henry Fearnley, m. (1705) Robert Taylor of York meeting, *q.v.*

FEARNLEY, Mary, wife of Henry Fearnley, *q.v.*

FEARNLEY, Priscilla (b. 1676), dau. of Henry Fearnley, m. — Squire, 'by a priest' and disowned, 1706 (Q2, 30, 32, 34).

FEARNLEY, Thomas. A Thomas Fearnley of Holbeck, m. Isabel Hulley of Gledhow, 6 Feb 1676/7 (L.P.R., *Th.S.*, x, 97).

FIELDEN, Abraham (d. 1723, of Stansfield); of Todmorden, m. Grace Suttliffe of Stoodly or Stoothly in Langfield, 3 March 1708. Grace Fielden d. 1748 of Millnwood in Stansfield, widow. Abraham Fielden of Mankinholes meeting, sufferer (for tithe), 1711 (L14, 202). Abraham and Joshua Fielden and others prosecuted for tithe and church rates, 1714, etc. (John Stansfeld, *History of the family of Stansfeld, of Stansfeld, in the parish of Halifax* (1885), 91–3).

FIELDEN, John (b. 1643), s. of John Fieldin of Stansfield (probably the John Fielden of Shore in Stansfield who d. 19 Jan 1698); brother of Joshua (b. 1650) and Nicholas (b. 1654); of Mankinholes meeting; representative to M.M.; entries for 'sufferings' in L14 refer to John Fielden, 'of Stansfield' or 'of Shore in Stansfield' (1664, 1668, 1670, 1684, 1697), 'of Mankinholes meeting' (1672, 1673, 1682–83, 1683/4), 'clothier of parish of Halifax' (1674). *See also* Besse II, 136, 143, 152, 153, 168. A John Fielden (d. 1734) of Todmorden (sufferer, 1701, 1711) m. Tamar Halstead (d. 1735) of Erringdon, 9 *or* 12 Nov 1707. John Feilden of Knowle Top, sufferer, 1700, 1709. John Fielding of Hundersfield, sufferer, 1710 (L14).

FIELDEN, Joshua (1650–1716), s. of John Fieldin (d. 1698?) of Stansfield; wife Mary; ch.: Judith (b. 1694), Mary (b. 1696), John (b. 1698, d. 1716, of Bottomley); sufferer (for tithe), 1704–11 (L14). Joshua Fielden of Bottomley d. 1716. Mary Fielden d. 1745, widow of Joshua, late of Bottomley in Hundersfield. Joshua Fielden junior (sufferer, 1710), of Bottomley, d. 1731, not in membership. Another Joshua Fielden (sufferer, 1709, 1711) of Swinshead in Langfield, in Mankinholes meeting, d. 1727.

FIELDEN, Mary (d. 1745), wife of Joshua Fielden, *q.v.*

FIELDEN, Nicholas (1654–1714), s. of John Fieldin (d. 1698?) of Stansfield; of Mankinholes meeting; of Hundersfield, sufferer, 1704, 1709, 1711 (L14). Another Nicholas Fielden, of Todmorden d. 1729.

FLETCHER, Sarah (1685–1728), dau. of William and Sarah (Hodgson) Fletcher, of Howbrook, later of Barnsley; m. (1) John Arthington, *q.v.* (d. 1720) in 1707; of Bramley, m. (2) John Thackerah (d. 1751), junior, of Gildersome, in 1724. Sarah Arthington women's representative to M.M. in 1708.

FOSTER, John, of Dublin; m. in Edenderry, Bethia, second dau. of Joseph Sleigh (d. 1683) tanner, of Dublin. The will of Samuel Baker, of Dublin, 1720 includes a legacy to Bethia Foster, dau. of Joseph Sleigh, dec. (Eustace & Goodbody, no. 11).

GARFORTH, Mathew, of Wortley. Two of his children were baptised at Armley Chapel: William (bapt. 24 Feb 1694, *Th.S.*, xiii, 370); Mary (bapt. 9 May 1697, *Th.S.*, xiii, 372. Mary Garphat *or* Garriphat, of Wortley, dau. of Mathew, m. Jabez Stead (d. 1742) of Wortley, in 1726; Mary Stead (d. 1758) came under the care of the meeting in 1742 and received an allowance from the M.M. poor fund (E2)). The birth of Martha, dau. of Mathew Garforth, 31 Jan 1706 is noted in the Armley Chapel register (*Th.S.*, xiii, 379).

GARFORTH, William, of Beeston, sufferer (for tithe), 1709, 1710 (L14, 183, 186, 194); m. out in 1720 (E2).

GELDARD (Gelderd, Gelders), John; m. out, in or before 1697; perhaps the John Gelder, of Bridge end, whose wife was bur. 11 Dec 1707 (L.P.R., *Th.S.*, xiii, 192). His intended marriage with Sarah Williamson, of Richmond M.M. published (for second time) in Brighouse M.M., 26 May 1710; a Sarah Geldard, widow, late of Woodhouse, nr Leeds d. 30 Nov 1717.

GODLY, John. Probably not a Friend.

GOTT, John (d. 1713), husbandman, of Gildersome (1704), of Holbeck (1711, 1713); m. (1) Mary — (d. 1701); ch.: John (1686–89), Rachel (b. 1687), John (b. 1690), Thomas (b. 1692), William (1695–96), William (b. 1697, apprenticed, 1713), Joshua (b. 1700, apprenticed to Geo. Thompson, Holbeck, 1713) (E2). John Gott. m. (2) Tabitha Jowitt, of Beeston, at Leeds, 6 Dec 1704. Sufferer, 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154, 158), and 1695, 1697, 1711 (for tithe) (L14, 135, 137, 211, 212); representative to M.M. After his death, some Friends were appointed to take care of his widow and children, and to have his sons William and Joshua apprenticed. Tabitha Gott received money from Robert Peart's legacy, and an allowance from the M.M. poor fund, 1731–39 (E2). Tabitha Gott d. 16 March 1740, of Holbeck.

GOTT, Rachel (b. 1687), dau. of John and Mary Gott.

GOTT, Tabitha (Jowitt) (d. 1740), wife of John Gott, *q.v.*

GRANGER, Anthony, of Leeds; Joseph Granger, s. of Anthony d. 1708; Margaret Granger, dau. of Anthony and Ann, d. 1716. In Aug 1717 Anthony Granger laid before the meeting his intention of removing into the North with his wife (E2).

GREAVES, James (d. 1700), of Oakenshaw; sufferer, 1661, 1662, 1665 (Besse II, 102, 109; L14, 58, 60–1, 63), and (for tithe), 1694–99 (L14); his house in Oakenshaw registered for meetings, April 1699 (*Nonconf. reg.*, 156).

GREEN(E), Patience (1667–1702), dau. of John and Isabel Wails of Leeds, m. (1694) Thomas Green(e) of Liversedge, *q.v.*

GREEN(E), Thomas (d. 1714), of Liversedge; m. (1) Mary Newton (d. 1684), 29 Aug 1683; dau. Elizabeth b. 1684; m. (2) Martha Hardisty (d. 1689) of Gouriclose house [Gower Close house?], Sheriff Hutton, 12 May 1687; ch.: Thomas (b. Feb d. Nov 1688), John (b. 1689); Thomas Green(e) m. (3) Patience (1667–1702), dau. of John and Isabel Wails of Leeds, at Beeston Hall, 20 June 1694; ch.: Tabitha (b. 1695), Mary

(b. 1696), Patience (1698–1705), Thomas (b. 1700, perhaps the merchant, of Leeds (d. 1736) who m. Mary Simpson (d. 1729) of Gainsborough, in 1724), Samuel (b. & d. 1702). Thomas Greene's house at Long Liversedge registered for meetings, 1689 (*Nonconf. reg.*, 144); sufferer (for tithe), 1707–11 (L14); familiar with Dutch, and took a young man from North Holland into his employment, so that he could meet Friends and learn English (information from Pearson Thistlethwaite).

GREENHOUGH, Joseph (d. 1719), of Bradford; wife Eleanor d. 1713; dau. Esther d. 1718 (Hodgson, 124, 125); sufferer (for church dues), 1696 (L14, 135).

GREENWOOD, William (d. 1737), of Langfield; of Mankinholes meeting; wife Mary (d. 1750); ch.: John (b. 1706), William (b. 1707), Mary (b. 1713), Martha (b. 1715). William Greenwood of Langfield sufferer, 1707–11 (L14); a William Greenwood prosecuted for church rates due on lands for the maintenance of Crostone chapel, prisoner in Rothwell gaol 1716–17 (Stansfeld, 91–5).

GRIMSHAW, Samuel (d. 1720), of Lindley, Huddersfield; m. Margaret Ingham (d. 1700) of Elland, at John Eckles house, 5 Feb 1690; ch.: John (b. & d. 1691), Samuel (1694–95). Samuel Grimshaw sufferer, 1711 (hemp cloth taken and money out of the shop box, L14, 206, 208).

GRISTWICK, William. A William Gristick d. 8 Oct 1714, aged 39, of Old Artillery Ground nr Spitalfields, a weaver, d. of fever (Devonshire House M.M., London).

GUMERSALL (Gomersall), Thomas (b. 1685), white broad clothier, s. of Jonas and Mary Gummersall of Brighouse; m. Mary (b. 1688), dau. of William and Mary Pycock of Sheepscar, Leeds, at Leeds, 30 May 1711; dealt with by M.M. for gaining Mary Pycock's affection without first getting her parents' consent (Q2, 132, 135); ch.: William (b. 1712; in 1744 it was reported that he had entered himself to go on board a privateer at Liverpool), Mary (b. 1713; m. out, 1739 (L.P.R., *Th.S.*, xx, 344, marr. 25 Sept 1739 John Horsman and Mary Gomersall)), Sarah (b. 1715, m. out 1734 (L.P.R., *Th.S.*, xx, 114, marr. 13 Dec 1734 Thomas Whiting and Sarah Gummersall, Leeds)). In 1715 complaint was made that Thomas Gummersall frequented alehouses at unseasonable times; and in 1718 he was dealt with for following gaming and neglecting his business (E2); Widow Gomersall received relief from 1723; a Mary Gumersall d. 1769.

HAIGH, Edward. Edward Haigh, senior, of Woodhouse nr Halifax d. 23 Aug 1724. Mary Haigh wife of Edward, of Woodhouse, bur. 21 April 1713 at Harwoodwell. Grace, dau. of Edward Hague of Halifax m. Joshua Sanderson of Midup (Midhope?), 3 Sept 1701. The burials of Edward Haigh of Woodhouse ('an ancient Quaker') and his wife are recorded in the *Nonconf. reg.*, 260, 292.

HALL, William (d. 1725), of Leeds. Mary Hall, wife of William, d. 1723; dau. Mary b. 1712. A certificate for William Hall received from Marsden M.M., 31 Aug 1711 (Q2, 142).

HALLOWELL (Halliwell), John (d. 1715), of Brigg, Lincs., s. of George (d. 1672) and Alice (d. 1675) of Crowle. John Halliwell was a great source of trouble to Friends of Gainsborough M.M.; apprenticed in 1678 to Vincent Brownlow, he left his master in 1681, without any just cause, and disappeared for a time;

from 1698 until his death many attempts were made to provide him with a lodging and employment, and clothing was bought for him from time to time, but he refused to settle, and his behaviour brought complaints from Friends elsewhere. In Sept 1706 Brigg Friends received a letter from Leeds Friends about John Halliwell, and the matter was discussed at the monthly meeting; in Feb 1714 Gainsborough Friends were still trying to provide a place of settlement for John Halliwell 'who ranges about & troubles Friends in divers places'. When he died in Aug 1715 Gainsborough M.M. paid for his burial. *See* The first minute book of the Gainsborough Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends, 1669–1719, ed. by Harold W. Brace, 3 vols. *Lincoln Record Society Publications*, 38, 40, 44. 1948–51. The letter from Leeds is noted under the date 13. vii. 1706 (II. 163).

HANSON (Hansom), Richard (d. 1702), of Burchroyd, Brighouse; wife Mary (d. 1703); ch.: Thomas (b. 1652), Richard (b. 1654), John (b. 1656), Nathan (b. 1659), Mary (b. 1664), Judith (b. 1666, m. in 1699), Mary (b. 1669), Arthur (b. 1672). Jonas Preston witnessed the will of Mary Hanson, 1702 (H. Travis Clay, 'Brighouse Quaker Meeting', *Trans. Halifax Antiq. Soc.*, 1948, 19–25).

HARPER, Samuel, of Farnley; ch.: William (d. 1690), Samuel (d. 1690), William (d. 1694). Robert Harper (d. 1691?), father of Samuel, was active in the meeting in 1685, and left money for the poor of Leeds meeting (L21, 12, 13, 18).

HARRISON (Harryson), Elling, dau. of John Harrison, of Beeston; m. out, 1696 and disowned 1697. (L.P.R., *Th.S.*, xiii, 91, marr. 3 May 1696 James Kent and Elleanor Harrison, both of Beeston.)

HARRISON, John (1671–1717?), of Beeston; s. of George Harrison of Leeds; wife Mary (d. 1722); s. Robert (d. 1730). John Harrison sufferer (for tithe), 1698, 1708, 1709, 1711 (L14); received money from legacies for the poor, 1713–16 and allowance from M.M. poor fund, 1715–17. His widow received money from Robert Peart's legacy, 1717–21; in 1721 she was found to be weak and necessitous, and later received an allowance from M.M. poor fund; she was visited and given advice about the farm; Friends found that she was maintaining a young woman who lived with her, and bringing more expense than needful upon Friends; her son Robert spoken to about her condition in 1721 (E2).

HARRISON, Mary (d. 1722), wife of John Harrison of Beeston, *q.v.*

HARRISON, Mary, school dame, Mill Hill; m. out, 1707. Perhaps the Mary Harrison m. to John Gelder, of Armley, 25 Feb 1707 (L.P.R., *Th.S.*, xiii, 113).

HARRISON, Robert (d. 1730), s. of John and Mary Harrison of Beeston; m. Mary Tomlinson of Tupton M.M., Derbyshire, after 23 Jan 1706; ch.: Hannah (b. 1707), John (b. & d. 1710), Robert (1712–13), Joseph (1715–17). Robert Harrison sufferer (for tithe), 1710 (L14, 198); active in Leeds meeting up to 1727, and representative to M.M. many times; provided hay for Friends' horses, 1714; spoken to about his mother's necessitous condition, 1721; subscribed towards enlargement of meeting house, 1723 (E2).

HARTLEY, Alexander (d. 1705), labourer, of Beeston; named in indictment for meetings at house of Grace Sykes; imprisoned 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154–5, 157); given relief, 'being prisoner and sick', 1683–85 (L21, 11–13).

HARTLEY, Sarah, perhaps dau. of Alexander Hartley; d. 19 July 1695, 'from Yorkshire', bur. Dublin.

HASLEGREAVE (Heslegreave), Edward, received payment for joinery work in connection with the enlargement of the meeting house, 1723, and for work in the house by the meeting house, 1723–24 (E2).

HAYHURST, Edward. An Edward Hayhurst of Harden, Forest of Bolland, Slaidburn p., m. Margaret Turner of Crooke, at Elizabeth Walbank's, Newton, 28 April 1697. Oliver Hayhurst (d. 1776, 78 yrs, of Gildersome) of Wortley, clothmaker, s. of Edward Hayhurst (dec.) of Harden, m. Anne dau. of Abraham Harper (dec.) of Pudsey, at Leeds, 3 Oct 1722; s. William (1723–24). Ann Hayhurst d. 1753, wife of Oliver, of Churwell.

HEATHCOTE (Hethcott), Gilbert (1664–1719), M.D., of Chesterfield, later of Lincoln's Inn Fields, London; m. Frances, dau. of Sir Francis Rodes, Bt of Barlborough Hall, Derbyshire, and sister of Sir John Rodes (d. 1743); their dau. Martha (*c.* 1692–1757) m. (as his second wife) Silvanus Bevan, 30 June 1719. The Martha Heathcote (*c.* 1723–85) who m. Benjamin Bartlett, junior, in 1744 was the dau. of Cornelius Heathcote, M.D., and grand-dau. of Gilbert and Frances Heathcote. (Information from Helen Forde, Friends House Library; *see also S.P.Q.*, 201; *A. Quaker post-bag,* ed. Mrs. G. Locker Lampson (1910); W. Scruton, 'The Bartlett family', *Bradford antiquary*, 1 (1888), 187–91, where the wife of Benjamin Bartlett, junior, is wrongly stated to be the dau. of Gilbert and Frances Heathcote.)

HILL, Alice (d. 1715, [at] Bradford), of Pontefract M.M.; sufferer, 1682 (Besse II, 145).

HIRD (Herd), Judith (d. 1731), wife of William Hird, *q.v.*

HIRD (Herd), William (d. 1726), of West Scholes, 'a rich Quaker' (*Nonconf. reg.*, 296); wife Judith (d. 1731); ch.: William (b. 1694), Anna (b. 1696), Mary (b. 1698), Sarah (1701–17**), Esther (b. 1702), Martha (1704–26), John (b. 1705). William Hird, of Thornton, sufferer (for tithe), 1696 (L14, 136).

HOCKENS, Abraham *see* HODGSON, Abraham.

HODGSON, Abraham (d. 1695), of Skircoat; fined for being at meeting at Edward Hulley's, 1670 and at Ellen Elam's burial, 1678 (L14, 66, 68, *see also* Besse II, 136, 159); marriage of Martha Laycock and Nathan Broadhead took place at his house, 1686; monthly meeting held at Widow Hodgson's in Dec 1695.

HODGSON, Robert. Perhaps the Robert Hodgson, of Bradford, sufferer (for tithe), 1709, 1710, 1711 (L14, 190, 199, 212).

HOLDEN, Richard (d. 1732), of Todmorden; m. Dorothy Storck of Todmorden at Jno. Fielden's, Hartley Royd, 14 April 1672; ch.: Mary (b. 1673), Sara (b. 1676), Adam (b. 1679). Richard Holden of Hundersfield (Mankinholes meeting) sufferer (for tithe), 1704, 1710, 1711 (L14, 152, 189, 203).

HOLDSWORTH (Holsworth, Houldsworth), Hannah (d. 1734), dau. of John Holdsworth, of Farnley, m. (1702) Thomas Stead, of Bardsey, *q.v.*

HOLDSWORTH (Holsworth, Houldsworth), John (d. 1724), of Farnley (1700, 1702, 1711), of Osmondthorpe (1724); wife Margaret (d. 1725); ch.: James (d. 1700), Hannah (m. Thomas Stead, 1702, d. 1734), John (d. 1711), Nathan (alive in 1724), Joshua (alive in 1724). John Holdsworth was Gildersome representative to

M.M.; sufferer (for tithe), 1708–11 (L14); after his death there was some difficulty about the disposal of his estate; on enquiry Friends found that there was a will, and requested that Nathan should prove it, so that Joshua might have his share of the estate (E2).

HOLLINGS, William (d. 1731), of Wade House in Shelf; of Rawdon, m. Esther Jowett (d. 1707) of Bowling, at Thomas Bond's house at Green Gates, 24 April 1689; Mary Hollings [second] wife of William Hollings, d. 19 Aug 1725; William Hollings, of Bowling m. Martha Hird of Eccleshill, relict of John Hird (d. 1719) of Rawdon, at Rawdon, 5 Jan 1727. (Entries also in *Nonconf. reg.*, 243, 295, and in Hodgson, 123, 125, 126.) William Hollings of Yeadon one of the trustees of Rawdon Meeting House and Burial Ground, Feb 1697 (Slater, 243–7; William Hollings of Bowling gave cottages, etc., at Shelf, in 1729, to trustees, for the benefit of the poor in Bradford meeting (*Account of the trust properties in Brighouse Monthly Meeting*, 1855).

HOLM(E), Elizabeth (d. 1718), wife of Joseph Holme, of Halifax, *q.v.*

HOLM(E), Joseph (d. 1729), of Halifax; on appointment (discipline) in the monthly meeting, 1711 (Q2, 136, 141); wife Elizabeth (d. 1718).

HOPKINS, Elizabeth (1671–1739), dau. of Thomas (d. 1680) and Elizabeth (Liversedge) Hopkins, of Leeds; sister of Zacharias Hopkins; Women's representative to M.M.; subscribed towards enlargement of the meeting house in 1723; received money from Robert Peart's legacy for the poor, 1731, 1738 (E2).

HOPKINS, Rachel (d. 1725), dau. of William Peart, m. (1707) Zacharias Hopkins of Hunslet, *q.v.*

HOPKINS, Zacharias (1679–1730), clothier, of Hunslet, then of Armley (from 1722); s. of Thomas (d. 1680) and Elizabeth (Liversedge) Hopkins, of Leeds; m. Rachel, dau. of William Peart, of Crayke, at Leeds, 12 Nov 1707; ch.: Mary (b. 1709), Thomas (b. 1710, d. 1790, of Morley), Elizabeth (b. 1713), Rachel (b. 1715, m. Joshua Hoyle, 1738), William (1718–86, m. Mary Benson, 1746), John (b. & d. 1719), Hannah (b. 1721), Joseph (b. 1723, m. Jane Ellis, 1754), Tabitha (b. & d. 1725). Rachel Hopkins d. 1725. Zacharias Hopkins m. Ursula Swales of Malton, at Malton, 7 Aug 1729. Zacharias Hopkins active on appointments in Leeds meeting (advice to young men setting up their trade, discipline, care of widows & children); frequently went as representative to M.M. (E2); sufferer (for tithe), 1704, 1710, 1711 (L14).

HOPWOOD, Alexander (d. 1715), of Tadcaster; a minister; a Mary Hopwood of Tadcaster d. 1720, wife of Alexander; an Alexander Hopwood of Bramham m. Rebecca Horner (d. 1679) of Tadcaster, at Sherburn, 11 Jan 1674; ch.: Samuel (b. 1674), Isaac (d. 1679). Tabitha Hopwood, mother of Alexander, m. Richard Jowett in 1692 and was left a widow in 1697.

HORNER (Hornor), Benjamin (1668–1740), clothworker, of Boar Lane, Leeds; s. of Bartholomew (d. 1678) and Alice (Cowper) Horner of Leeds; m. Christiana (1670–1751) dau. of William and Ann Readshaw of Beckwithshaw, at William Pycock's, Pannell, 6 Oct 1692; ch.: Ann (1693–95), Tabitha (1695–1747), Sarah (b. 1697, m. William Hird of Woodhouse in Rawdon, 1728), Christiana (1705–47), Anna (b. 1707, m. Nathaniel English, 1728), Benjamin (1709–42, merchant, m. Elizabeth Busby of Banbury, 1735); in Oct 1694, Ben. Horner and his wife paid £2.5.0. for admission to 'a piece of wast inclosed &

built upon by his father on ye Bank' ('Observations out of the Mannour Booke of Leeds, *Th.S.*, ix, 281); Benjamin Horner's house registered for meetings, 12 July 1699 (V28/4); sufferer (for tithe), 1709, 1710 (L14, 187, 198); an elder, regularly attended, for Leeds, the Meetings of Public Friends, 1702–13 (G1); active on appointments in Leeds meeting (discipline, care of widows and children, family visiting, advice to young men setting up their trade); meeting treasurer, 1692–1740; representative to M.M.; trustee of meeting property; after his death ten Friends were appointed to draw up a Testimony (E2) (*Collection of Testimonies*, 1760, 132–3); Thomas Story stayed at the house in Boar Lane on several occasions, and met his 'old friend and companion Aaron Atkinson' there in 1715; early in 1718 he arrived with a 'great cold' and a pain in his stomach, and was cared for and treated by Christiana Horner (Story, *Jnl.*, 466, 585, 600–1, 678, 682, 727, 729). Christiana Horner was active in Leeds meeting, and took over as meeting treasurer, 1743–44, after the death of her son Benjamin, and again 1747–49, after the death of her dau. Tabitha; in 1748 she lodged travelling friends at her house and stabled their horses (E2). John Griffith lodged there in 1749 and described Christiana Horner as 'a truly open-hearted woman' (John Griffith, *Journal*, 1779, 158).

HORNER (Hornor), Christiana (1670–1751), wife of Benjamin Horner, *q.v.*

HORNER (Hornor), George (d. 1730), flaxdresser, s. of George Horner of Woodhouse, Leeds, m. Elizabeth (d. 1725) dau. of James Peirson of Holbeck, at Leeds, 29 Sept 1703; ch.: George (1704–05), Benjamin (1706–10), Thomas (b. & d. 1709), Elizabeth (1711–73, m. Richard Lapage, 1732), Anne (1715–16), John (b. 1718, m. Christiana Plummer (d. 1745) in 1741; m. out in 1752), Tabitha (d. 1750, m. Wm Benson junior, 1733), George Hornor on various appointments in Leeds meeting, and representative to M.M.; subscribed to enlargement of the meeting house, 1723 (E2); sufferer (for tithe), 1710 (L14, 195).

HORNER (Hornor), John, of Gildersome; possibly the John Horner who was one of the witnesses to the marriage of William Dawson of Leeds and Esther Sykes of Knottingley, 11 Feb 1669; John Horner of Morley dealt with by Gildersome P.M., 1711–16, for disorderly behaviour and drinking to excess (P32, 8, 12, 21–3); a John Horner who acted as doorkeeper in 1741 was given relief from 1741–45 (E2).

HULLEY, Edward (d. 1720), of Hillhouse Bank, Leeds; came from London on certificate, and returned there, 1704 (Q1, 156); came from London, with his wife, Oct 1704 (Q2, 2); travelled in the ministry, 1708 (Q2, 73); (Allott, 23, 24); sufferer (for tithe), 1709 (L14, 188); on a number of appointments in Leeds meeting; allowed to set up his trade of worsted combing with Thomas Myers in 1713 (E2).

HULLEY, Exercise (d. 1715), of Wortley; Women's representative to M.M.; witnessed Robert Peart's legacy instructions, 24 Aug 1709 (V27/1); left £5 for the poor of Leeds meeting (E2).

HULLEY, Hannah (d. 1721) m. (1700) Richard Armistead, *q.v.*

HULLEY, Moses (d. 1699), labourer, of Wortley; a trustee of Leeds meeting, 1698 (*Jnl. F.H.S.*, 22 (1925), 52); with his wife Hannah, sufferer, 1683, 1684, 1685 (Besse II, 154–5, 158, 163); sufferer (for tithe), 1698 (L14, 139).

HULLEY, Samuel (d. 1714), of Wortley; sufferer (for tithe), 1699–1711 (L14); on

a number of appointments in Leeds meeting, and representative to M.M. several times (E2); accompanied ministers to the meeting of Ministers 1713–14 (G1, 51–3, 54).

JACKSON, Deborah (d. 1722), wife of William Jackson, *q.v.*

JACKSON, Grace (d. 15 July 1711).

JACKSON, Hugh (d. 1708), of Bradford, m. Mary Croasdall, at the house of James Bond, 16 Jan 1676; ch.: Mary (b. 1676), John (b. 1679), Hannah (b. 1682), William (1684–1702), Joseph (b. 1689). Hugh Jackson and wife Mary, sufferers, 1682 (Hodgson, 28); Hugh Jackson sufferer (for tithe), 1696 (L14, 136); his dau. Hannah m. out, 1706 (Q2, 39). Mary Jackson d. 1724, widow of Hugh. (*See also* Hodgson, 89, 90, 110, 123, 125.)

JACKSON, Samuel (1673–1722) of Armley Height, Leeds; s. of William Jackson, of Armley; m. Mary Smith (d. 1723) of Balby M.M., after 29 March 1706 (Q2, 26, 27); dau. Martha (b. 1709) m. William Whitelock at Warmsworth, 13 July 1732 (B. S. Snell, 'Martha Jackson's minority', *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 45 (1953), 6–14); Samuel Jackson on appointment in Leeds meeting (care of widow and ch. of John Gott), Feb 1713; representative to M.M. (E2).

JACKSON, Sarah (d. 1722) of Leeds, widow of John Jackson, of Halifax; dau. Sarah (b. 1685) m. John North, 1709; s. William m. (1) Rachel Moorcroft (2) Sarah North.

JACKSON, Sarah (1685–1773), dau. of John and Sarah (d. 1722) Jackson, of Halifax, m. (1709) John North, *q.v.*

JACKSON, Thomas. Perhaps not a Friend.

JACKSON, William (d. 1715) of Armley Height, Leeds; of Churwell, m. Deborah Crowther of Churwell, at Bartholomew Horner's, Leeds, 25 April 1672; ch.: Samuel (1673–1722) *q.v.*, Mary (1676–90), Joseph (1681–82), William (1684–1709), John (b. 1689), Deborah (1692–1712); William Jackson sufferer, 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154–5, 156–7, 158), and (for tithe), 1707 (L14, 164); M.M. gave advice to William Jackson in 1694 about tithe paid without his knowledge (Q1, 52). Deborah Jackson d. 1722, of Armley Height.

JACKSON, William, junior, clothmaker; of Gildersome, 1709–10; of Bramley, 1712–18; of Tyersall, 1721; of Hollingthorp, nr Wakefield, 1734, 1736; yeoman, of Rhodes hall in township of North Byerley, 1757; s. of John and Sarah (d. 1722) Jackson, of Halifax; m. (1) Rachel (1686–1708), dau. of John Moorcroft, of Cookridge, at Rawdon, 13 March 1707; dau. Rachel (1708–53) m. James Lister (d. 1753) the Leeds printer, in 1734. William Jackson m. (2) Sarah North of Beeston, at Leeds, 13 *or* 30 Nov 1709; ch.: John (b. 1710), Joshua (b. 1712), Elizabeth (b. 1714), Sarah (1716–1804, m. Aaron Grimshaw, 1757), George (b. 1718, d. 1736, of Hollingthorp), William (b. 1721), (Samuel, d. 1746, s. of William & Sarah). William Jackson gave £2 for Gildersome Meeting house, 1709 (P32, 48); Gildersome representative to M.M.

JOWETT (Jowitt, Jawet, Jewitt), Abraham (b. 1653), s. of John Jowett (d. 1693) of Bowling; m. (1) Grace (d. 1691) dau. of Richard Bayley of Burley, Otley p., at Samuel Drake's, Wrose, 2 *or* 6 July 1690; s. Jonathan (b. 1691); Abraham Jowett m. (2) Tabitha Hevisides of Beeston, 31 May 1693; ch.: John (b. 1694), Abraham (b. 1695), William (b. 1697), Mary (b. Feb? d. May 1700, of Little Horton), Mary (b. 1703). Tabitha

Jowett d. 1737, of North Byerley, widow of Abraham. Abraham Jowett, of Little Horton, sufferer (for tithe), 1696–1711 (L14).

JOWETT, Hannah (b. about 1682?), dau. of Richard Jowett (d. 1697) of Beeston. (Allott, 20–1.)

JOWETT, Mary (1680–1722), dau. of William Jowett of Bolton, m. (1701) Joseph Elbeck of Bramley, *q.v.*

JOWETT, Richard (d. 1697), miller, of Millshaw, Beeston; m. (1) —; ch.: Hannah (b. about 1682?); Tabitha (?); m. (2) Tabitha Hopwood, of Wortley, 6 July 1692; ch.: Richard (1694–1741, m. Elizabeth Peirson, 1721; of Holbeck; for his descendants, *see* Foster, 167–9, 186–7), Samuel (b. 1696). Richard Jowett of Beeston, yeoman, sufferer, 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154–5, 157, 158).

His widow Tabitha Jowett advised in March 1697 not to contend further about his will with Gilbert Metcalfe (Q1, 77); M.M. made payments for her rent, etc., 1697–99 (Q1, 81, 84, 89, 92); she was Gildersome representative to M.M. 1725–27 (P26, 2, 55–65); received money from Robert Peart's legacy, 1727–39, and an allowance from M.M. poor fund from 1731 to 1739; died about 1739? (E2).

JOWETT, Tabitha (d. 1740), of Beeston [dau. of Richard Jowett?], m. (1704) John Gott, of Gildersome, *q.v.*

JOWETT, William (d. 1709), of Heaton-royd, 1671–80; of Bolton, 1683–1709; m. Jane Shaw (d. 1712), 27 Aug 1671; ch.: John (b. 1677), Mary (1680–1722, m. Joseph Elbeck, 1701), William (1683–1700), Jane (1685–1745, m. William Hustler, 1715). A William Jowett of Bowling sufferer, 1682 (Besse II, 150); William Jowett of Bolton sufferer (for tithe), 1696, 1707 (L14), and Jane Jowett junior had goods distrained for Easter dues and 'for a Mortuary & buryall of her father William Jowett' claimed by the parish priest of Calverley (L14, 200).

KALEY (Kayley, Caley), Henry (d. 1713), of Hundersfield (Mankinholes meeting); wife Martha (d. 1711); ch.: Mary (1693–1713), Susanna (b. 1696), Henry (b. 1699), James (1701–21), Henry (1704 *or* 1705–13), Joshua (1708–12). Henry Kaley sufferer, 1704, 1709, 1710, 1711 (L14). In 1710 Brighouse M.M. ordered a paper to be recorded in the book touching Henry Kaley's removal in from Marsden M.M. and 'acknowledgement of his outgoings & comeing in againe to Friends' (Q2, 117).

KENDALL (Kendale), Abraham (b. 1676, d. 1716, of Burmantofts), of Hillhouse Bank; s. of Richard Kendall (d. 1703); m. Sarah Peart of Thirsk M.M., after 27 June 1701; ch.: Abraham (1702–04), Isaac (b. 1703, removed to London, 1735), Richard (1704–06), Mary (1706–09), Sarah (b. & d. 1707), Sarah (1711–12), Mary (b. 1712, removed to London, 1734?), Hannah (b. 1713, m. Joseph Geldard, 1734), Lydia (b. 1715). Abraham Kendall was dealt with for habitual drunkenness in 1713, and again in 1715, but action by the meeting was deferred at the request of his brother Isaac Kendall (E2). Sarah Kendall d. 1743, of Bank, widow.

KENDALL, Isaac (1681–1739), of Hill-house Bank, Leeds, later of Norwich; s. of Richard Kendall (d. 1703); wool-comber, m. Ann Pearse, of Norwich, at Norwich, 14 Nov 1710; ch.: Lucy (b. 1711), Isaac (1712–13), William (b. 1713), Edward (b. 1715), Benjamin (1717–18), Anne (b. 1718), Mary (b. & d. 1720), Hannah (1721–22); Isaac Kendall sufferer (for tithe), 1709, 1710 (L14, 188, 197); on various appointments in Leeds meeting, 1713–18; in 1715

requested the meeting's forbearance in the case of his brother Abraham (dealt with for drunkenness); removed [to Norwich] 1724, and wrote for a certificate (E2). Ann Kendall d. 1754, abt 63 yrs (Norwich M.M.).

KENDALL, Jonathan (b. 1670), of Holbeck; s. of Jonathan Kendall (d. 1695) and wife Mary (d. 1704), of Woodhouse; m. out; disowned, 1698.

KENDALL, Mary (Pullan) (d. 1704), of Holbeck; widow of Jonathan Kendall (d. 1695) of Woodhouse (married at Simeon Whitehead's house, 6 July 1669); s. Jonathan (b. 1670) disowned 1698.

KENDALL, Mary (d. 1709), of Hillhouse Bank; wife of Richard Kendall (d. 1703), *q.v.*

KENDALL, Mary (b. 1676, twin with Abraham), dau. of Richard (d. 1703) and Mary Kendall (d. 1709); m. out and disowned, 1697.

KENDALL, Richard (d. 1703, a Prisoner), of Woodhouse, 1683, later of Hillhouse Bank; wife Mary (d. 1709); ch.: Abraham and Mary, twins (b. 1676), Isaac (1681–1739), Enock (d. 1683, of Woodhouse), Sarah (m. Matthew Webster of Selby, 1703), William (b. 1679). In Oct 1702 Richard Kendale paid for an incroachment 6 yds long and 3 broad on the Bank. £1.10.0, and in June 1703 Abraham Kendale, heir to his father, Richard Kendale surrendered the copyhold above to his brother Isaac, and paid 18s.0. (Observations out of the Mannour Booke of Leeds, 1684–1741, *Th.S.*, ix, 183.) Richard Kendall sufferer, 1683 (Besse II, 154–5), and (for tithe), 1699, 1700 (L14, 142, 143); with John Cowell, taken to Rothwell Gaol, at the suit of the Rev. John Killingbeck, and died a prisoner there in Jan 1703 (L14, 147; Q1, 131).

KENDALL, Sarah (d. 1717), dau. of Richard Kendall, m. (1703) Matthew Webster (d. 1753) of Selby, *q.v.*

KITCHINGMAN, Thomas. A conveyance, Thomas Kitchingman to Thomas Greene and others, listed among Leeds meeting deeds, E2, 215; Thomas Kitchingman: Security for assigning Obit Judgment for meeting house, Leeds, 9 April 1700 (V10/8).

KITCHMAN, Joseph. Possibly Joseph Kitson (d. 1732) of Frizinghall, sufferer, 1707, etc. (L14); m. Grace Bond (d. 1720) of Eccleshill, at Bradford, 12 Sept 1705.

LAMBERT, Robert, flaxdresser; granted a certificate to remove to Selby, 29 Oct 1708 (Q2, 77). A Robert Lambert, s. of Robert and Martha (d. 1756) d. 1719, and was bur. at Kirbymoorside.

LAMBERT, Stephen (d. 1767), broad clothier; of Holbeck, 1711; of Churwell, 1731–35, of Holbeck, 1737–38, 1767; s. of Benjamin (dec. by 1731) of Holbeck; m. Elizabeth (d. 1738), dau. of Joshua Ledger, of Pontefract, at Leeds, 6 Jan 1731; ch.: Hannah (1731–46, d. at Wakefield), Stephen (1732–33), Mary (1734–36), Elizabeth (b. & d. 1735), Benjamin (b. & d. 1737), Mercy (b. & d. 1738). Stephen Lambert subscribed £2 towards enlargement of the meeting house, 1723; received money from legacies to the poor, 1735, 1743, 1748; taken ill at Wakefield in April 1746, and a collection was taken for his relief and sent to him (E2).

LANGSTAFF, Daniel, (dec. by March 1710), elder, of Holbeck; m. Sarah Croft, of Carlton, 21 Dec 1682; ch.: Ann (b. 1683), Joseph (1685–1750), Daniel (b. 1687), stillborn ch.: d. 1689, Sarah (d. 1690). Sarah Langstaff (sufferer, 1683), of Holbeck, d. 1689. Daniel

Langstaff, of Hunslet, clothier, sufferer, 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154–5, 158); m. out; disowned Dec 1698 (Q1, 88). A Daniel Langstaff, of Knaresborough d. 1703, bur. at Scotton.

LANGSTAFF, Daniel (b. 1687), of Holbeck; s. of Daniel and Sarah (d. 1689) Langstaff; m. Sarah (b. 1689), dau. of Joshua Wilson of Leeds, before 12 Dec 1711. Sarah Langstaff bore a child soon after the marriage and fathered it upon another person than her husband, and was disowned in Jan 1712 (Q2, 154, 156, 158).

LANGSTAFF, Joseph (1685–1750), broadclothier, of Holbeck; s. of Daniel and Sarah (d. 1689) Langstaff; m. Eliza (d. 1740 *or* 1741) dau. of Simon Pott of Snowden, Otley p., at Leeds, 8 March 1710; ch.: Sarah (1711–84, m. Joseph Smith, 1736), John (1712–13), Joseph (1713, m. out 1747), Martha (b. 1716, m. John Lister, 1741). Joseph Langstaff on appointment in Leeds meeting, 1736; representative to M.M.; received money from Robert Peart's legacy, 1712 to 1723 (E2).

LANGSTAFF, Sarah (b. 1689), dau. of Joshua Wilson; m. (before 12 Dec 1711) Daniel Langstaff, *q.v.*

LAPAGE, Elizabeth (b. 1676), elder twin of Isabel Lapage; dau. of George (d. 1692, of Pitfall, Leeds) and Margaret (d. 1700) Lapage; m. out, before 26 Feb 1697.

LAPAGE, Emanuel (b. 1673, dec. by 3 Nov 1743), s. of George Lapage of Leeds Bridge end; his dau. Margaret m. Samuel Dickinson of Elmsall, at Meadow Lane, 3 Nov 1743.

LAPAGE, George (d. 1692, of Pitfall, Leeds), tailor; sufferer, 1660, 1671, 1683 (Besse II, 102, 135, 154–5) and 1665 (L14, 1, 64–5); m. (1) Jane Blith (d. 1668) of Leeds, at Thos Thackery's house, at Rooms, 29 Jan 1662; ch.: John (1663–65), Mary (b. 1664), Hannah (b. & d. 1665), Sarah (b. 1666), Sarah (b. 28 March 1667, d. same day?), Joshua (b. & d. 1668). George Lapage m. (2) Margaret Ellis (d. 1700) of Leeds, 20 July 1671 *or* 1672; ch.: Deborah (1672–73), Emanuel (b. 1673, dec. by 1743), George (1683–92), Elizabeth (b. 1676, elder twin of Isabel, m. out in 1697), Isabel (1676–93), Lydia (d. 1680). L.P.R. records the burials of George Lapis, of Bridge end, 1 July 1692 (*Th.S.*, x, 374) and of Margaret Lapis, 'of Caw lane', 28 July 1700 (*Th.S.*, xiii, 155).

LAPAGE, Margaret (Ellis) (d. 1700), widow of George Lapage (d. 1692), *q.v.*

LAWSON, Richard (d. 1707), clothier, of Halifax? m. Susana Fox, of Yorkshire, 23 Feb 1679. Susana *or* Susan Lawson, dau. of Richard, b. 27 Aug 1679 *or* 24 Aug 168-; Susan Lawson d. 1724 widow and relict of Richard, late of parish of Huddersfield, bur. Sowerby St burial ground [Halifax].

LAYCOCK, Jonathan (d. 1696), of Skircoat, Halifax; wife Mary (d. 1696); ch.: Martha (b. 1660, m. Nathan Broadhead, 1686), Jonathan (b. 1663), Joshua (b. 1666), Mary (b. 1669), Susanna (b. 1673). Jonathan Laycock sufferer, 1684 (Besse II, 159); M.M. held at his house, 1688, 1689, 1690 (L21, 14, 15, 16).

LAYCOCK, Joshua (b. 1666, d. 1721, of Shaw Hill nr Halifax), s. of Jonathan Laycock, of Skircoat; of Skircoat, m. (1) Elizabeth Petty (d. 1704) of Thorne, 22 June 1697; ch.: Jonathan (b. 1699; possibly the Jonathan Laycock, merchant, m. Mary Stovin of Crowle, Lincs., at Beltoft, 10 Nov 1723), Elizabeth (b. 1700), Godfrey (b. 1703). Joshua Laycock m. (2) Bethiah (Rous) English, granddaughter of Margaret Fox, and

widow of David English (1668–1703) of Pontefract, after 26 April 1706, the M.M. having made enquiry about provision for his children; Bethiah Laycock a member of Leeds meeting in 1723 and subscribed towards enlargement of the Meeting house; early in 1725 she was dealt with for taking too much strong liquor, and her son Nathaniel English was given advice (E2); she d. at Leeds 29 March 1725. M.M. was held at Joshua Laycock's house from 1696 (H. Travis Clay, 'Brighouse Quaker Meeting', *Trans. Halif. Antiq. Soc.*, 1948, 19–25). The *Nonconf. reg.* records the burial of Mr Joshua Laycock, d. 16 May 1721, 'a Quaker, very rich'.

LEDGER (Ledgard), Abraham (b. 1664, elder twin of Sarah Ledger), s. of John and Mary Ledger, of Rooms; serge weaver, m. Ann (d. 1724, widow of Abraham), dau. of Sarah Walker, of Birstall, at Leeds, 13 April 1699; dau. Sarah (b. 1700) m. out, 1723 (L.P.R., *Th.S.*, xx, 83, marr. [8?] Oct 1723 Gilbert Johnson and Sarah Ledger, of Leeds). One Abraham Ledger, farmer, sufferer 1683 (Besse II, 154); sufferer (for tithe), 1709, 1710 (of Meadow Lane), 1711 (L14, 185, 196, 211).

LEDGER (Ledgard), Benjamin (1666–1721), s. of John and Mary Ledger, of Rooms; Millecent Ledger, wife of Benjamin, of Churwell, d. 1700; ch.: Benjamin (1700–41, mercer, of Churwell, m. Susanna Benson, 1730), Mary (m. Thomas Satterthwaite, of Hawkshead, 1717); Benjamin Ledger, of Churwell, yeoman, m. Susanna Morley, of York, at Far Water Lane, York, 18 Aug 1702. Susanna Ledger d. 1724, at Churwell. Benjamin Ledger sufferer (for tithe), 1703–11 (L14).

LEDGER (Ledgard), John, of Rooms; m. Mary Hague (*or* Hargreaves) of Churwell, 31 Dec 1662; ch.: Abraham & Sarah, twins, (b. 1664, Sarah d. 1668), Benjamin (1666–1721), Joshua (b. 1668), Joseph (b. 1671 *or* 1672), William (d. 1697). Mary Ledger d. 1708, of Meadow Lane, widow and relict of John, of Rooms.

LEDGER (Ledgard), Joshua (b. 1668), s. of John and Mary Ledger, of Rooms; m. Elizabeth Willaby in church, and disowned, 1700.

LEDGER (Ledgard), Mary (d. 1708), wife of John Ledger, of Rooms, *q.v.*

LEE, John, of Rawdon meeting; m. Sarah Maskew of Leeds meeting, between 21 Oct and 25 Nov 1709; censured by M.M. for 'drawing out the affections of the young woman before he appeared as one of our Society', but allowed to proceed (Q2, 98, 100, 102).

LEEDOM, Sarah, of Barnsley; m. out, disowned, 1697; possibly dau. of Robert and Sarah (d. 1715) Leatham, of Barnsley; a Martha Leedham dau. of Robert and Sarah, late of Barnsley, d. 1717. Robert Leatham sufferer, 1662, 1690 (Besse II, 109, 173), Sarah Leatham sufferer, 1682 (Besse II, 145).

LIVERSEDGE (Liversige), Hannah (b. 1666), dau. of William Shaw; m. (1690) Joseph Liversedge, of Hunslet, *q.v.*

LIVERSEDGE (Liversige), Joseph (d. 1695), of Hunslet; m. Hannah (b. 1666), dau. of William Shaw of Holbeck, 14 May 1690. Joseph Liversedge sufferer, 1684 (Besse II, 158); after his death Hannah Liversedge m. out and was disowned Aug 1697.

LUPTON, John (d. 1711), linenweaver, of Oulton; s. of Joseph Lupton, of Oulton, m. Sarah Thompson (b. 1684), of Carlton, dau. of Henry and Mary Thompson, at Leeds, 12 May 1708; s. Joseph (1709–10); John Lupton sufferer

(for tithe), 1709–11 (L14). Sarah Lupton (widow) m. Samuel Armitage (d. 1778, 87 yrs) of Methley, linen weaver, 3 Feb 1714. Sarah Armitage d. 25 Jan 1747, of Methley.

LUPTON, Joseph (d. 1731), of Oulton; m. Ann Hall of Chapelthorpe, Yorks., 6 July 1679; ch.: Joseph (b. about 1680/81?), Anne (m. Samuel Powell of Burley, 1726), Hannah (d. 1719, m. Nathan Webster 1717), John (d. 1711, m. Sarah Thompson, 1708), Jonathan (b. 1697, d. 1786, 90 yrs, of Woodlesford); Joseph Lupton sufferer, 1684 (Besse II, 158); on various appointments in Leeds meeting; representative to M.M.; received money from Robert Peart's legacy for poor; visited in Jan 1729, when it was found that his wife was blind and he nearly so; received allowance from M.M. poor fund, from 1729 (E2). Anne Lupton, d. 1737, of Oulton.

LUPTON, Joseph (b. about 1680/81?), stuff weaver, of Oulton; s. of Joseph (d. 1731) and Anne (d. 1737) Lupton; removed to London, 1706 (Q2, 42).

MARSLAND (Marchland, Markland), John (d. 1719), of Quarmby; Dorothy Marsland d. 1714, of Quarmby, wife of John; ch.: John (b. 1676), Elizabeth (b. 1673), William (b. 1679), Susanna (b. 1682, m. Jacob Patrick of Newbridge, at Brighouse, 1705), Mary (b. 1686). John Marsland sufferer, 1698, 1703, 1711 (L14; described as of Lower Haig house, 1703). The younger John Marsland (b. 1676) of Quarmby, m. Susanna Lawson (d. 1706) in 1701; ch.: Mary (1702–21), Susanna (1705–07), William (b. 1704). John Marsland of Quarmby (younger?) m. Grace Dobson (d. 1757, widow), of Lane End, at Wooldale, 5 May 1715; ch.: Joseph (b. 1716), John (b. 1717), Elizabeth (b. 1718), James (d. 1720), Martha (d. 1728).

MASKEW, Sarah, m. (between 21 Oct and 25 Nov 1709) John Lee of Rawdon meeting, *q.v.*

MAUDE, Timothy (d. 1734, of Gawthorp Hall near Bingley); of Castlefield, nr Bingley; wife Esther (d. 1738); ch.: Ruth (b. 1690, m. Robert Walker of Healey, 1715), Martha (b. 1692), Moses (1694–95), Mercy (b. 1696), Deborah (b. 1697), Hannah (b. & d. 1699), Timothy (b. & d. 1700), Mary (b. & d. 1701), Timothy (b. 1703). *See also* Hodgson, 70–1; *Yorks. notes and queries*, 2 (1890), 87–96, 145–160, 225–232.

MERRY, Elizabeth (Benson), wife of Jonathan Merry, *q.v.*

MERRY, Jonathan, serge weaver, of York, afterwards of Leeds; disowned, 1699; of York, m. Elizabeth Benson of York, 15 Nov 1688; ch.: Esther *or* Hester (d. 1691), Samuel (b. 1692), Jonathan (b. 1695), Elizabeth (1696–1725). Elizabeth Merry removed to York about 1704 (Q2, 1, 2); she was dealt with by York Friends for speaking too much in meeting, and the Quarterly Meeting criticised York Friends for not giving financial help to her and her children because they did not like her ministry (S. Allott, *Friends in York* (1978), 28).

METCALFE, George (d. 1692), of Oulton; m. Sarah Moore, of Leeds, at Leeds, 9 June 1678; ch.: William (b. 1678 [1679?]), Isabel (b. 1680), Richard (b. 1686), John (b. 1688 d. 1691, of Mill hill), Joseph (d. 1691, of Mill hill). George Metcalfe sufferer, 1683 (Besse II, 154). Sarah Metcalfe sold the land for burial ground at Oulton to friends for £6 in Jan 1721; in 1728 she wished to sell a house and land near the burial ground to Friends, but her price was too high (E2).

METCALFE, John, of Royds nr Wortley, s. of Samuel Metcalfe, of Bradford p.,

m. Margaret (d. 1726) dau. of Francis Dransfield, late of Birstall, at Liversedge, 19 April 1710. In 1720 he was in debt and in reduced circumstances, and was assisted in making a division of his goods to pay debts; in 1726 he m. out (L.P.R., *Th.S.*, xx, 91, marr. 22 Sept 1726 John Metcalf and Martha Roper), and the case was taken to M.M. (E2).

METCALFE, Sarah, wife of George Metcalfe (d. 1692), *q.v.*

METCALFE, William (b. 1678 [1679?]), of Oulton, s. of George Metcalfe; apprenticed to Daniel Langstaff in 1693.

MIDDLETON, Eleanor, m. (1706) Miles Walker, *q.v.*

MIDDLETON, Joseph, of Tockwith, m. Susannah Drake of Allerton, dau. of John Drake, at Bradford, 27 Nov 1699; ch.: Susannah (b. 1701, Tockwith), Joshua (b. 1702, Micklewhite, Cottingham p.), Drake (b. 1703, Little Cottingham). A Joseph Middleton d. 1721 at Hempton (bur. at Fakenham); Susannah Middleton d. 1752, 83 yrs (Norwich M.M.). In April 1709 Joseph Middleton requested a certificate of removal to Wells M.M. (Norfolk), and a committee was appointed to make enquiries, on account of an accusation by one Martha Garnett that he had fathered her bastard child, which he denied; extensive enquiries were made, and in the end Brighouse M.M. issued a testimony, dated Liversedge 31 March 1710, to the effect that 'we leave the secret of it to the Lord that knows all things'; copies of papers relating to the case were entered in the M.M. Minute book (Q2, 174–9).

MIDDLETON, Susannah (d. 1752), wife of Joseph Middleton, *q.v.*

MIDGLEY, Ann (d. 1712), wife of Samuel Midgley, *q.v.*

MIDGLEY, Samuel (d. 1727 at Morley); sufferer, 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154, 165); Ann Midgley d. 1712, of Coley Hall, wife of Samuel.

MILNER, Sarah, of Pontefract M.M. A Sarah Milner of Carnaby d. 1713, bur. at Bridlington (Hull M.M.); another of the name d. 1741 of Dorehouse (Balby M.M.).

MOORCROFT, Rachel (1686–1708), dau. of John and Elizabeth Moorcroft, m. (1707) William Jackson, junior, *q.v.*

MOORE, Deborah (1679–1704), dau. of Giles Moore, of Upper Gayle, m. (1703) Joshua Arthington, *q.v.*

MOORE, Eleanor, Hellina *or* Ellen (d. 1734), dau. of James Tennant, widow of Edward Moore, of Wetherby, m. (1708) Robert Arthington, *q.v.*

MOORE, Eleanor. Perhaps the Elliner Moore b. 29 March 1688, dau. of John Moore, junior, of Eldroth; Eleanor Moore came to Brighouse M.M. from Settle M.M., June 1709 (Q2, 93).

MORLEY, Robert, of Morley; a Robert Morley of York d. 1750.

MORLEY, Susanna (d. 1724), of York, m. (1702) Benjamin Ledger, of Churwell, *q.v.*

MORRICE (Morris), Abraham (d. 1704), of Lincoln, mercer; m. (1689) Isabel (Fell) Yeamans; on some appointments in Gainsborough M.M. (*see* The first minute book of the Gainsborough Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends, 1669–1719, ed. by Harold W. Brace. *Lincoln Record Society Publications*, 38, 40, 44. 1948–51; B.R.S., xxvi, 222).

MOSLEY, Joseph, of Highflatts meeting, 1707; came to Leeds meeting on a

certificate from Pontefract M.M.; removed into Pontefract M.M., 1709 (Q2, 64, 86).

MUNCE, William. William Munse a witness at marriage of John Gott and Tabitha Jowett, 1704 (RG6/1276/95); William Muncy granted certificate to Wakefield, 1711 (Q2, 148); perhaps the William Munsey *or* Munsley disowned by Pontefract M.M. in 1719 (E2, 52).

MUSGRAVE (Musgreave), John, of Wortley. L.P.R. (*Th.S.*, xiii, 105) has an entry for marriage, 22 Sept 1703 Jno. Musgrave, of Wortley, and Mary Bentley. John Musgrave was disowned by Brighouse M.M., 29 Oct 1703, for marrying out. A John Musgrave of Wortley d. 1743.

MUSGRAVE (Musgreave), Thomas, of Braithwaite; m. Hannah Cockshaw of Clough bank, Keighley p., at the house of Robert Hudson of Steeton, 2 Aug 1688; s. Thomas (b. 1689). (See also *Yorks. notes & queries*, 2 (1890), 89, 146; Percy Musgrave, *Collectanea Musgraviana* (1911), 238.)

MYRES, George. A George Myres b. 1688, s. of John, of Thackwray, Fewston p.; more probably George Myres of Farfield, sufferer, 1683, 1690 (Besse II, 155, 174), who d. 2 June 1714; Mary Myres d. 1737, aged 81, d. at Richmond, widow of George late of Farfield.

NAYLOR, William (d. 1725, of Barnsley); s. of Joseph Naylor; of Ardsley, geldar, 1701; of Gawthorp, 1702, 1705 (yeoman); of Wakefield, roper, 1716; m. (1) Martha (d. 1702) dau. of John Barker, of Gildersome, at Leeds, 2 Oct 1701; m. (2) Mary Paine of Bradford, 1 Aug 1705; m. (3) Esther Thompson, at Meadow Lane, Leeds, 31 Oct 1716.

NEWCOMB (Newcome), Rachel (d. 1724); received money from legacies for the poor, 1715, 1723, and an allowance from M.M. poor fund, 1713–23; after her death her goods were sold to pay rent and other expenses (E2).

NORTH, Elizabeth, dau. of Robert Walker, of Healey, wife of Joshua North, of Wortley, *q.v.*

NORTH, George (d. 1766), of Wortley, m. Jane Walker (d. 1759) of Brighouse meeting, June or July, 1706; ch.: Sarah (b. 1707, m. John Swain, 1744), Thomas (1709–13), Elizabeth (1711–14), George (1713–47, clothier, m. Martha Cowley, 1739), Joshua (1715–69, linenweaver and linendraper, Bradford, m. Beatrice Waddington, 1744), Hannah (1717–22), John (1720–22), William (b. 1722, m. Mary Roberts, 1758; tallow chandler), Benjamin (1725–1808, stuff maker, m. Susanna Bradley, 1759). George North active on meeting appointments (discipline, poor, trade, family visits), representative to M.M., and elder, 1730, 1732 (E2); sufferer (for tithe), 1707–11 (L14). Jane North took part in family visiting, 1712, 1718, 1733, 1747 (E2).

NORTH, John (d. 1756 of Park Lane, nr Leeds), clothier; s. of George North, of Wortley; of Royds (township of Beeston), m. Sarah (b. 1685) dau. of John Jackson of Halifax, at Leeds, 9 Feb 1709; sufferer (for tithe), 1704–11 (L14); on various appointments in Leeds meeting; representative to M.M.; trustee of Oulton burial ground, 1720; given leave to enter the combing trade, 1716. Sarah North served as Women's representative to M.M.; she d. 1773, aged 88, widow of John (press paper maker).

NORTH, Joshua, clothmaker, of Wortley; m. Elizabeth (d. 1765), dau. of Robert Walker of Healey, at Long Liversedge, 11 April 1700; ch.: John (b. 1701, removed to London, 1720?), George

(1703–12), Joshua (b. 1705, d. 1736 of Rigton?), Elizabeth (1707–09), Benjamin (1710–22), Mary (1713–68), Samuel (1717–78, weaver), William (b. 1719). Joshua North's house registered for meetings, 12 July 1699 (V28/4); a trustee of the meeting, 1698 (*Jnl. F.H.S.*, 22 (1925), 52); accompanied ministers to Meeting of Ministering Friends, 1714–30 (G1); witness to Robert Peart's legacy instructions, 24 Aug 1709 (V27/1); overseer in Leeds meeting, 1711 (Q2, 134); sufferer (for tithe), 1700–11 (L14); active on meeting appointments, including family visits; in 1727 he thought of leaving his trade and taking another farm, but was advised against it; in debt, 1737; in 1743 it was rumoured that he was about to remove to Hull; his dau. received an allowance from M.M. poor fund, 1745–46, and Elizabeth North received money from Robert Peart's legacy (E2). Joshua North, merchant, of Waterhall, nr Leeds, bankrupt and his goods to be sold (*Leeds Mercury*, 14 Dec and 21 Dec 1736). A Joshua North d. 1765, of Bradford.

NORTH, Sarah, of Beeston, m. (1709) William Jackson, junior, of Gildersome, *q.v.*

PARKER, Alice (d. 1725), dau. of John Parker, of Slaidburn, m. (1700) Daniel Croasdill, of Shipley, *q.v.*

PARKER, Elizabeth (d. 1719), dau. of John Parker, of Slaidburn, m. (1706) William Watson, of Leeds, *q.v.*

PARKER, John (d. 1710), of Holbeck; nephew of Edward Hayhurst.

PAWSON, Catherine (d. 1716), wife of Thomas Pawson, *q.v.*

PAWSON, Ruth, dau. of Thomas Pawson, *q.v.*

PAWSON, Thomas (d. 1712, of Hillhouse Bank); m. Catherine Brown (d. 1716, of Black Bank nr Leeds) of Farnley, 3 April 1670; ch.: Margaret (1672–1701), Samuel (d. 1674), Ruth (alive in 1697). Thomas Pawson sufferer, 1683 (Besse II, 154); receiving relief 1688–92, and in 1688 the meeting paid 4s. for his wife 'his charges to the Wells' (L21, 14, 15, 19, 20). From 1712 Widow Pawson received money from legacies for the poor and allowance from M.M. poor fund (E2).

PEARSON (Peirson), Elizabeth (d. 1725), dau. of James Pearson, m. (1703) George Horner, *q.v.*

PEARSON (Peirson), James (d. 1719), of Holbeck; cordwainer, sufferer 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154–5, 158); prisoner at York, 1685 and received relief (L21, 13); his dau. Elizabeth m. George Horner, 1703; dau. Tabitha d. 1702, of Holbeck; James Pearson, junior, who signed a testimony in 1698, may have been his son. In 1710 and 1711 the meeting of Ministering Friends was troubled by James Pearson's continued absence from meeting; he was visited at Leeds by Thomas Green and spoken to tenderly, but continued to stay away; Thomas Green reported that he did not think Leeds Friends had given him any just cause to stay away (G1, 41–6).

PEARSON (Peirson), James, junior, of Holbeck; perhaps s. of James Pearson (d. 1719); his dau. Elizabeth m. Richard Jowett, of Holbeck, at Leeds, 1721; dau. Esther m. Thomas Archer at Leeds, 1727, and James Pearson expressed his dislike of the marriage (E2). His s. Joseph (d. 1769), of Hunslet, shoemaker, m. Eliza Walton of Hunslet, 1737.

PEARSON, Tabitha (d. 1702), dau. of James Pearson (d. 1719).

PEARSON, William (d. 1702?), of Oakenshaw; sufferer, 1661, 1662, 1665,

and 1694, 1695, 1697, 1698 (for tithe) (L14); Brighouse M.M., 25 Dec 1702 informed that 'Wm. Pearson, late of Woodhall, who formerly lived at Okenshaw' left 40s. to poor Friends (Q1, 137).

PEART, Isaac (d. by 1724), came from York M.M. on certificate, 1707, and removed to York M.M., 1709 (Q2, 58, 89); Elizabeth Peart, relict of Isaac bur. 22 March 1724, nr Bridlington; Hannah Peart an idiot dau. of Isaac and Elizabeth bur. 19 Feb 1728, Bridlington.

PEART, Mary, of Leeds, m. (1709) John Skerah (Skirrah), of Masham, *q.v.*

PEART, Rachel (d. 1725), dau. of William Peart, of Crayke, m. (1707) Zacharias Hopkins, of Hunslet, *q.v.*

PEART, Robert (d. 1710), of Beeston; by his will (1709) he left £100 for the poor of Leeds meeting, the income being distributed annually (E2; *Brighouse M.M. charitable trusts* (1951), no. 67). Robert Peart's private instructions for his legacy, 24 Aug 1709 (V27/1).

PEART, Sarah (d. 1743), of Thirsk M.M., m. (after 27 June 1701) Abraham Kendall, *q.v.*

PLUMMER (Plumer), John (d. 1750), of Leeds, clothworker; s. of Robert Plumer (d. 1693, of Tenter), of Leeds, m. Mary (1686–1746) dau. of John Whitaker, of Halifax, at Meadow Lane, 5 Dec 1711; ch.: Robert (b. 1713), Christiana (1715–45, m. John Horner, 1741), John (b. 1718), Benjamin (b. 1721), William (1724–44). Mary Whitaker had been a servant to Benjamin Horner, and went to London in 1707. John Plummer subscribed towards the enlargement of the Meeting house, 1723; rented the close, 1744–46 (E2).

POTT, Eliza (d. 1740 *or* 1741), dau. of Simon Pott, m. (1710) Joseph Langstaff, of Holbeck, *q.v.*

PRESTON, Jonas (d. 1714), of Rastrick; m. Sarah — (d. 1724), of Brighouse, at Thomas Taylor's house, 29 May 1664; ch.: Mary (b. 1665), William (b. 1667), Sarah (b. 1671), Jonas (1673–1751; m. Martha Copley of Soyland in Sowerby, 1699), Martha (b. 1675), John (b. 1677), Easter (b. 1679, m. Joseph Fryer, 1712), Joshua (d. 1701). (*See also* H. Travis Clay, 'Brighouse Quaker Meeting', *Trans. Halifax Antiq. Soc.*, 1948, 19–25.)

PRIESTLEY, Robert (d. by 1736); wife Susanna (d. 1736, of Rothwell, widow); ch.: Henry (b. 1708), Robert (b. & d. 1710), Beulah (b. & d. 1711), John (d. 1711), Jonathan (b. & d. 1712), Anne (b. 1713), Thomas (b. 1715), Robert (b. & d. 1718), Sarah (disowned 1723). In 1720 complaint was made that Robert Priestley took too much strong drink; in 1723 his dau. Sarah m. out and was disowned (E2; Q3, 206, 208). Susanna Priestley received payment in 1729 for looking after Mary Pearson (E2).

PULLAN, Thomas. Perhaps not a Friend.

PYCOCK, Mary (1662–1723), dau. of William Whitelock, wife of William Pycock (d. 1705), *q.v.*, and afterwards wife of Richard Armistead (d. 1727), *q.v.*

PYCOCK, Mary (b. 1688) dau. of William and Mary Pycock, m. (1711) Thomas Gumersall, *q.v.*

PYCOCK, Sarah (1684–1716), dau. of William and Mary Pycock, m. (1709) Azarias Elbeck of Bramley, *q.v.*

PYCOCK, William (d. 1705, of Sheepscar); of Wetherby, 1683–87; of Pannal, 1692, 1699; his house in Leeds registered for meetings, 12 July 1699 (*Jnl. F.H.S.*, 22

(1925), 52); m. Mary (1662–1723), dau. of William Whitelock of Bishop Thornton, at Peter Hardcastle's, 11 Nov 1683; ch.: Sarah (b. 1684, m. Azarias Elbeck, 1709), John (b. 1686), Mary (b. 1688, m. Thomas Gumersal, 1711), William (b. 1693), Isaac (1695–1705), Judith (b. 1699), Elizabeth (b. 1700, m. John Kellam *or* Killam, 1728), Joseph (b. 1702). William Pycock served as representative to M.M.; and accompanied Leeds ministers to Meeting of Ministers and Elders at Liversedge, 1701 (G1, 11). Mary Pycock took part in family visits, 1718, 1721 (E2); sufferer (for tithe), 1709–10 (L14, 187, 195); she m. Richard Armistead (d. 1727) in July or Aug 1722 (E2).

RAYNER (Raynerd, Reyner), Richard, of Halifax; sufferer (for tithe), 1697, 1707 (L14); read a paper at M.M., 1698, concerning music and dancing, 'as by warning to the inhabitants of Hallifax' (Q1, 86); appointed to keep the registers, Feb 1700, and appointed clerk to the M.M., 1700, 1701 (Q1, 102, 112, 123); his s. John, clothweaver, of Leeds, m. Lydia Candler, of Selby, 6 Jan 1717; Richard Raynor, junior, of Leeds (s. of Richard of Halifax?) asked for a certificate to go to London in 1717 to follow the weaving trade there (E2). A Richard Rayner and wife Martha had ch.: Hannah (b. 1705), Abraham (b. 1708).

RAYNER, Robert, of Carlton, Rothwell p.; sufferer, 1683 (Besse II, 152), and (for tithe), 1697–1711 (L14); subscribed £1 towards enlargement of the Meeting house, 1723 (E2).

RAYNER (Raynor(d)), William (d. 1741), of Gildersome; yeoman, m. Mary Scott of Gildersome, at Leeds, 11 Sept 1706; ch.: John (b. 1707), Hannah (1710–71, m. Edward Veepon of Airton, 1735). William Rayner gave £2 10s. for Gildersome Meeting house, 1709 (P32, 48); Gildersome representative to M.M.; sufferer (for tithe), 1707–09 (L14).

Mary Rayner dealt with by Gildersome P.M. for taking too much strong drink, in Jan and March 1711, and was reported to be out of health in June 1711 (P32, 8, 9); the registers give the date of her death as 19 Dec 1710 [should be 1711?].

READSHAW, Ann(e) (d. 1711) wife of William Readshaw, of Beckwithshaw, *q.v.*

READSHAW, William (d. 1703), of Beckwithshaw, later of Boar Lane, Leeds; m. (1) Jane — (d. 1667); ch.: William (b. 28 xii 1655(?), d. 1698, of Beckwithshaw, m. Ursula Allison, 1689, 6 ch.), Elizabeth (b. 1 June 1656, d. 1725, m. Thomas Hammond, bookseller, of York, 1682), Mary (1658–1742, m. Miles Oddy, 1685), Judith (b. 1661), Grace (1665–1720, m. (1) Thomas Bond (d. 1702), 1688; m. (2) Joseph Kittson (d. 1732), 1705). William Readshaw m. (2) Ann Spence (d. 1711, aged 80 *or* 81) of Killinghall, at Peter Hardcastle's, Hartwith, 12 Jan 1669; dau. Christiana (1670–1751, m. Benjamin Horner, 1692). William Readshaw of Beckwithshaw visited by Margaret Fox on her Yorkshire journey, 1672 (*Jnl. F.H.S.*, 11 (1914), 111n); sufferer, 1682, 1683/90 (Besse II, 150–151, 174); moved into Leeds about 1694; signed a note on the first meeting in the new meeting house, 24 Sept 1699; attended for Leeds the Meeting of Ministering Friends 1703 (G1, 12).

ROBINSON, Mary. A Mary Robinson, wife of Richard, d. 1698, of Swaledale meeting; another Mary Robinson d. 1717, bur. at Kirbymoorside; a Mary Robinson of West Rounton d. 1720.

ROE (Wroe), Richard (d. 1713, of Tong), of Wortley, labourer, sufferer, 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154–5, 158), and

1701, 1707 (for tithe) (L14); Tryphena Roe, wife of Richard d. 1714, of Tong; ch.: Alice (m. out, 1706; Alice Gray disowned, 1707), Elizabeth (bapt. 16 June 1678 — L.P.R., *Th.S.*, xiii, 363), Joseph (d. 1684); also perhaps Tryphena Roe (m. Ely Watson in church, 1710).

ROE, Tryphena, dau. of Richard Roe? Tryphena Roe and Ely Watson m. 'by a priest', 1710.

SAXTON, Grace (d. 28 March 1712) of Holbeck, nr Leeds, widow.

SCOTT, Dorothy (d. 4 May 1721) of Gledhow.

SCOTT, John (d. 1755, late of Gledhow), of Hunslet; in 1710 thought of going to London in order to improve himself in the way of his trade; advised to write to his brother to procure him a place first; removed to Reigate M.M., Oct 1710 (Q2, 118, 125); of Holbeck, sufferer (for tithe), 1710 (L14); in Leeds, 1712, and advised about setting up his trade of a tanner; very active on meeting appointments; representative to M.M. many times; travelled widely in the ministry, visiting Ireland (1729) and Holland (1731) with John Haslam (E2). (*Collection of testimonies*, 1760, 301–3.)

SCOTT, Mary (d. 1711?), of Gildersome, m. (1706) William Rayner, of Gildersome, *q.v.*

SHARP(E), Anthony (b. 1642, Tetbury, d. early 1707, of Dublin) clothier; m. (1) Esther, dau. of Thomas Curtis, of Tetbury, Glos., 1663, (2) Ann, dau. of Thomas and Sarah Crabbe, of Marlborough, 17 Aug 1674; settled in Dublin, 1669 (Thomas Wight, *A history of the rise and progress of the people called Quakers in Ireland . . . rev. and enlarged . . . by John Rutty.* Dublin (1751), 207). Anthony Sharpe acted as overseer, trustee or executor of wills of many Dublin Friends; by his own will, dated 4 Oct 1706, codicils dated Oct 1706 and Jan 1707, he made settlements concerning sons Isaac, Joseph (m. Katherine Savage), and Daniel, and dau. Rachel, and left house to brother William Sharpe (Eustace and Goodbody, *Wills*, no. 175, etc.). Among his papers in the Historical Library, F.M.H., Eustace St, Dublin, is a letter from Friends in Yorkshire, 11 May 1674, asking him to arbitrate between two Friends about a bill of exchange (information from Olive Goodbody).

SHAW, Margaret (d. 1696), of Holbeck; widow of William Shaw, of Holbeck (d. 1673); receiving relief from 1683 (L21); marriage with William Shaw recorded in L.P.R. (*Th.S.*, vii, 333): 18 Oct 1654 William Shaw, of Houlbecke, and Margaret Linley, of great Woodhouse; ch. of William Shaw of Holbeck: Lydia (b. 1655), Margaret (b. 1658), Phebe (b. 1660), Tryphena (b. 1664), Tryphosa (b. 1667; a Tryphosa Shaw m. Thomas Dufton of Calverley p., 4 Nov 1691, *see* Calverley P.R., iii, 102), William (1669–70), Benjamin (b. & d. 1672).

SHEAFIELD (Sheffield), Bryan (d. 1699), clothier; of Holbeck, 1678; of Austhorpe Hall, from 1686; m. Elizabeth Mason (*or* Mayson, d. 1699) of Hillhouse Bank, at Ann Greathead's, Morley, 7 July 1678; ch.: John (1679–86), Elizabeth (b. 1681), Bryan (b. 1689; perhaps the Bryan Sheffield who d. 1711, bur. nr Brighouse). Bryan Sheafield sufferer, 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154–5, 158). His burial is also recorded in L.P.R. (*Th.S.*, xiii, 149). 1s. 6d. received by the treasurer of Leeds Meeting from Bryan Sheafield, 1689, 'about a periwige' (L21, 16).

SHEPPERD, Isaac (1670–95), s. of William Shepperd; received payment in connection with repair of the meeting

house, 1691 (L21, 22). Perhaps, s. of William Shepherd of Thruscross, Fewston p., who m. Margaret Fawcett at Peter Hardcastle's, Hartwith, 3 May 1668. William Shepherd of Leeds d. 1722.

SHIRES (Shiers), William, of Mankinholes meeting; of Manningham, Bradford (1730–42); sufferer (for tithe), 1707, 1708 (L14, 166, 174); of Todmorden, yeoman, m. Sarah Storrs of Stockport, 21 March 1705; ch.: Sarah (b. 1706; m. Thomas Dillworth of Lancaster, 1741, at Bradford), Tabitha (b. 1707; m. John Bradford of Kingsbury, 1732, at Bradford), Esther (b. 1709; m. William Dillworth of Lancaster, 1742, at Bradford). Sarah Shires d. 1734, wife of William, at Bradford.

SIDDALL, Ann (d. 8 Jan 1705), of Holbeck; sufferer, 1684 (Besse II, 158); prisoner at York, 1685, given 12s. 6d. (L21, 13).

SIDDALL, Frances (d. 1717), of Weetwood, nr Leeds, widow of Timothy Siddall (d. 1689); sufferer, 1684 (Besse II, 158); received money from legacies to the poor, 1712–16, and an allowance from M.M. poor fund, 1714–17 (E2). John, s. of Timothy and Frances b. 1686, d. 1701, of Meanwoodside; Deborah dau. of Timothy, b. 1685, d. 1757, of Weetwoodside, nr Leeds.

SIDDALL, John (d. 1702), of Holbeck.

SIDDALL, Joshua (d. 1708), of Stonehill Top, nr Armley; labourer, of Armley, sufferer, 1683 (Besse II, 154–5); disowned for disorderly behaviour and marrying out, 1701.

SIDDALL, Joshua (d. 1766), apothecary, of Leeds; m. (1) Anne Thomson (d. 1719), after 18 Sept 1717; m. (2) Margaret Newbold (d. 1776, 74 yrs) of Leeds, 23 Jan 1745; active on appointments in Leeds meeting, from 1718; representative to M.M.; one of Elizabeth Horner's trustees, 1732; an elder, 1737; transferred mortgage on meeting's property to trustees 1744, 1747 (E2); described in a deed of 1740 (V27/14) as 'chirurgeon and apothecary'.

SILVESTER, Elizabeth. Perhaps the Elizabeth Silvester b. 10 March 1679, dau. of William (d. 1692), of Monk Bretton.

SKERAH (Skirrah, Skirrow, Scarra), John (d. 1752 abt 72 supposed), of Masham; m. Mary Peart, of Leeds, at Leeds, 30 May 1709; ch.: Sarah (b. 1710), Mary (b. 1715; dau. of John and Mary (both dec.) m. Joseph Benson of Gildersome, 1760), Hannah (b. 1719). Wrongly named as Joshua in the Minutes, 27 April 1709.

SMITH, John, of Leeds, shoemaker; m. Grace Wood (d. 1734) of Tadcaster, at Wetherby, 4 May 1711; ch.: Joseph (b. 1712, d. 1779, N.M.; clothier), Martha (d. 1721), Frances (1722–23), John (b. 1723), Benjamin (b. & d. 1724), Sarah. John Smith and his wife received money from Robert Peart's legacy for the poor, 1718 to 1734; both in poor health in 1734 and Grace Smith d. Dec 1734; in Dec 1736 the meeting was given to understand that John Smith had been married by a priest to a woman outside the Society (L.P.R. *Th.S.*, xx , 335 — John Smith and Elizabeth Gothick, 25 Nov 1736). In Oct 1737 it was reported that Sarah dau. of John Smith had been m. 'by a priest', but was so little of a Friend that record in the book was sufficient (E2). L.P.R. records (*Th.S.*, xx, 337) marriage of Jose. Heaton and Sarah Smith, 31 July 1737.

SMITH, John (d. 1724), labourer, of Wortley; sufferer, 1683 (Besse II, 154–5)

and (for tithe), 1699–1711 (L14); m. Mary (*or* Mercy) Gaunt (d. 1743) of Wortley, at Wm Midgley's, Morley, 1 Feb 1685; ch.: Mary (d. 1695), Sarah (m. Daniel Dyson, of Rishworth, 1714), Elizabeth (d. 1777; m. Gervase Elam, of Armley, 1715). John Smith on a number of appointments in Leeds meeting (E2); described as yeoman in 1714.

SMITH, Mary (d. 1723) of Balby M.M., m. (after 29 March 1706) Samuel Jackson of Armley Height, *q.v.*

SMITH, Rebecca (d. 1714), of Barnsley. On 12 Dec 1682, Rebecca Smith, Alice Hill, Sarah Leatham and others committed to prison for refusing to give sureties for their good behaviour (Besse II, 145).

STEAD, David. Received payment for plastering, in repair of the meeting house, 1691 (L21, 21).

STEAD, Thomas (1675–1741), shoemaker, of Bardsey; s. of Thomas Stead (d. 1687) of Bardsey and wife Elizabeth (Hopwood); m. Hannah (d. 1734) dau. of John Holdsworth of Farnley, at Leeds, 8 July 1702; ch.: Thomas (b. 1703), John (b. & d. 1708), John (b. 1709), Martha (b. 1712), Nathan (1715–80).

STEPHENS (Steevens), John, of Dublin; will of John Steevens, Meath St, Dublin, clothier, dated 4 Jan 1699, includes bequests to wife Lydia and son John; inventory appraised 22 Jan 1700 (Eustace & Goodbody, no. 188). The younger John Stephens (b. 1670) m. Elizabeth Varman at Castle Ellis, co. Wexford, 8 Jan 1697; for his will, *see* Eustace & Goodbody, no. 190.

STIRKE, Richard (d. 1695), of Great Woodhouse; on 16 Oct 1672 John Cummin conveyed the Camp Lane site to Richard Stirke of Leeds Woodhouse, clothier (V28/11); sufferer, 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 156–7, 158); m. (1) Grace — (d. 1664); ch.: Elizabeth (b. 1654), Sarah (1655–81), Christopher (1656–77), Ruth (1658–63), Samuel (b. 1659), Joseph (1659–73), Nathan (b. 1660), Josias (b. 1662), Enoch (1664–70); Richard Stirke m. (2) Mary Jefferson of Woodhouse, at John Wales, Leeds, 24 Aug 1671. Mary Stirke d. 1673. There is no record of a third marriage, but ch. of Richard Stirke are recorded: Enock (1675–83), Richard (b. 1677), Israell (1679–83), Benjamin (b. 1682), Simeon (b. 1684), Moses (1686–95), Aaron (b. 1689).

STONEY, Anthony. Richard Stoney, s. of Anthony, d. 1733, of Austwick.

STORRS, Joseph (1670–1751), of Chesterfield; s. of William Storrs of Chesterfield, and his wife Sarah (d. 1703), dau. of William (d. 1652) and Grace (Jenkinson) Sykes (d. 1685). Anna Sykes, niece of Sarah Storrs, m. Ralph Thoresby, 1685. Joseph Storrs m. Katherine Frost, of Bridlington, at Bridlington, 4 June 1702; ch.: Mary (b. 1703), William (b. 1704), Isaiah (b. 1705), Martha (b. 1707), Sarah (b. 1709), Katherine (b. 1710). In his old age Joseph Storrs gave tender advice to his granddau. Katherine Fry. (*Collection of testimonies*, 1760, 256–9.) Some letters to Sir John Rodes in the 1690s are addressed to him at Joseph Storrs, woollen draper in Chesterfield *(Quaker post-bag).*

SUTCLIFFE, Martha. One Martha Sutcliffe b. 1660, dau. of Jon. [Jonathan?]; another Martha b. 1662, dau. of John, Mankinholes; a Martha Sutcliffe d. 1706, Mankinholes.

SWAILS (Swale), Thomas (d. 1725), of Holbeck; sufferer, 1683 (Besse II, 154); received money from legacies for the poor, 1712–23; and an allowance from M.M. poor fund, 1712–25; his shirts paid for, 1719/20 (E2).

SYKES (Sikes), John (d. 1703), of Morley; sufferer, 1662 (L14, 60), and 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154, 158); wife Mary; ch.: Samuel (b. 1686), Elizabeth (b. 1690).

SYKES, Susanna (d. 1743), dau. of Thomas Sykes of Farnley, m. (1702) William Wilson, of Gildersome, *q.v.*

SYKES (Sikes), Thomas (d. 1728), of Farnley; sufferer (for tithe), 1700–11 (L14); dau. Susanna (d. 1743) m. William Wilson (d. 1735) of Gildersome, 1702; dau. Martha disowned, 1707.

TAILFORTH (Taylforth), Richard (d. 1727), tailor, of Holbeck; s. of Thomas Taylforth of Rilston; m. Ruth (d. 1727) dau. of Christopher Binks (dec.) of Holbeck, at Meadow Lane, 6 Aug 1712. Richard Taylforth and his wife received money from Robert Peart's legacy, 1717 to 1727, and an allowance from M.M. poor fund, 1723–27 (E2).

TATE, Henry, came into Brighouse M.M. on a certificate from Scarborough M.M., 1 May 1711. Perhaps the Henry Tate, clothworker, sufferer, 1683–84 (Besse II, 154–5, 156–7).

TAYLOR, Robert (d. 1738), of Ginston *or* of nr York, yeoman; m. Isabel Fearnley (d. 1747) of Leeds, at Leeds, 28 March 1705.

THACKERY (Thackerry), Alice, widow of Thomas Thackery, of Rooms, *q.v.*

THACKERY, Benjamin (1664–1729), of Morley; s. of Thomas Thackery of Holbeck; removed to Ireland, and returned in 1704; gave 3s. to Gildersome Meeting house, 1709 (P32, 48).

THACKERY, Hannah (1659–1743), dau. of Thomas Thackery, of Rooms; sufferer, 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154, 158); m. Joseph Westerman (d. 1711), of Morley, towards end of 1695.

THACKERY, Ruth (1668–1748), of Morley; dau. of Thomas Thackery, of Rooms; Gildersome representative to M.M., 1712–33 (P26, 5–80).

THACKERY, Thomas (d. 1670); of Rooms, until 1659, of Holbeck 1661–70; belonged to Leeds meeting, 1668 (*Jnl. F.H.S.*, 2 (1905), 34); sufferer, 1658 (L14, 57), and 1656, 1660, 1662 (Besse II, 96, 102, 109); wife Alice (afterwards m. — Squire); ch.: Ezra (b. 1653; removed to Dublin, m. Ann Southwell, of Dublin, 1677), Joseph (b. 1654), Phebe (b. 1656), Judith (b. 1658), Hannah (b. 1659), Zechariah (b. 1661), Benjamin (1664–1729), Deborah (b. 1666), Ruth (b. 1668), Thomas (1670–73).

THACKERY, William, of Gildersome; representative to M.M. Jane Thackery, wife of William, of Gildersome, d. 1695; ch.: John (b. 1689), John (b. 1693).

THIRKELL (Thirkill), John (1689–1748), serge weaver; s. of Robert Thirkell (d. 1694) and Sarah, of Little Fenton; on various appointments in Leeds meeting (discipline, collections, library); representative to M.M.; in 1723 wished to alter his trade, but Friends advised against it, thinking it too hazardous and not suitable for him; thought of going to London in 1728, but advised not to go until his affairs in a better state; removed to London with his mother, 1731, and requested a certificate (E2); d. 1748, aged 59, parish of St Olave, London, snuff maker, d. of consumption.

THIRKELL (Thirkill), Sarah (d. 1743, aged 87, Olave's p., London, widow, d. of age). Sarah Whitelock of Thornton m. Robert Thurkill (d. 1694) of Little Fenton, at Peter Hardcastle's, 15 May 1687; s. John (b. 1689); removed to London with her s. John, 1731.

THOMPSON, Ann (b. 1675), dau. of

Henry and Mary Thompson, of Weston (later of Carlton, Rothwell p.) m. William Boocock, of Hillam, Monk Fryston p., at Meadow Lane, 25 Feb 1730. Another Ann Thompson (d. 1719) m. Joshua Siddall, 1717.

THOMPSON, Elizabeth (b. 1672), dau. of Henry and Mary Thompson, of Weston, later of Carlton, m. (1706?) John Butterfield (d. 1740), of Rawdon, *q.v.*

THOMPSON, Esther (b. 1678), dau. of Henry and Mary Thompson, of Weston (later of Carlton), m. (1716) William Naylor (d. 1725), of Wakefield, *q.v.*

THOMPSON, Henry (d. 1716), of Weston, later of Carlton; m. Mary Rayner (d. 1712 of Carlton), at Thos Benson's, Holdswick, 17 May 1668; ch.: Emanuel (1670–71), Elizabeth (b. 1671), Elizabeth (b. 1672, m. John Butterfield, 1706?), Ann (b. 1675, m. William Boocock, 1730), Henry (b. 1676), Esther (b. 1678, m. Wm Naylor, 1716), Edward (b. 1679), Mary (b. 1680, m. Thomas Crooke, 1709), Peter (b. 1682), Sarah (b. 1684, m. John Lupton, 1708), Edward (b. 1686, d. 1695?). Henry Thompson of Carlton, sufferer (for tithe), 1703–11 (L14). One Henry Thompson required an apprentice to the shoemaker trade in Aug 1706 (Q2, 37).

THOMPSON, Henry, junior, of Carlton, or of Oulton; apparently the Henry Thompson (b. 1676) s. of Henry and Mary Thompson, of Weston and later of Carlton; m. Mary dau. of Thomas Crooke, 7 Oct 1702; ch.: Thomas (d. 1709 *or* 1710), John (d. 1711). Henry Thompson on various appointments in Leeds meeting; sufferer (for tithe), 1702–11 (L14); dealt with for disorderly behaviour, and disowned, 1725 (Q3, 231–3). Henry Thompson of Carlton d. 1729; a Mary Thompson d. 1744, late of Hunslet, widow.

THOMPSON, Henry, of Armley. A certificate of removal was granted to him to go to America, 30 March 1711 (Q2, 131); received on certificate from Brighouse M.M., by Philadelphia M.M., 28 Sept 1711; d. 1731 (Hinshaw II, 427).

THOMPSON, Mary (b. 1680), dau. of Henry and Mary Thompson, of Weston, later of Carlton, m. (1709) Thomas Crooke (1681–1721) of Haypark, *q.v.*

THOMPSON, Peter (b. 1682). s. of Henry and Mary Thompson, of Weston, later of Carlton; shoemaker; m. (1) Elizabeth (d. 1721), dau. of Giles Moor, of Gayle, (dec.), at Wetherby, 2 July 1717; m. (2) Sibill Ellwood, at Kendal, 23 July 1723; ch.: Elizabeth (1724–25), Jane (b. 1727), Thomas (b. & d. 1730, s. of Peter and Sibil, of Hillhouse bank). Peter Thompson on some appointments in Leeds meeting, and representative to M.M.; trustee of Oulton burial ground; in dispute with his sister Esther Naylor in 1737, and acknowledged himself to blame (E2). Peter Thompson of Gledhow, nr Leeds sufferer (for tithe), 1711 (L14, 211).

THOMPSON, Sarah (1684–1747), dau. of Henry and Mary Thompson, of Weston, later of Carlton; m. (1) John Lupton (d. 1711) of Oulton, *q.v.*, (2) Samuel Armitage (d. 1778).

THOMPSON, Thomas. In Aug 1707 Brighouse M.M. asked Settle M.M. to send a fuller certificate than the one they had addressed to Leeds Friends, which was not satisfactory (Q2, 58). A Thomas Thompson, of Copley Hall, in Skircoat, clothier, m. Anne Battersby at Newton, 27 April 1709.

THORNTON, Isabel (d. 1697). Isabel Williamson, of Leeds m. Edmund Thornton (d. 1691, of Pitfall), of Leeds, at Bartholomew Horner's in Leeds, 12 Feb 1674. Isabel Thornton sufferer, 1684 (Besse II, 158).

TOMLINSON, Mary, of Tupton M.M., Derbyshire m. (after 23 Jan 1706) Robert Harrison (d. 1730), *q.v.*

TURNER, John (d. 1721) of Great Woodhouse; sufferer, 1683 (Besse II, 154), and 1707–11 (for tithe) (L14); ch.: Mary (b. 1682, m. Henry Dean of Liversedge, 1715), Sarah (1683–1742), John (d. 1685), a stillborn ch. bur. 1686. John Turner in receipt of relief from 1684, and was given 10s. in 1690 'to helpe him to the Wells' (L21, 11, 14, 15); received payments out of legacies for the poor, 1712–21 and allowance from M.M. poor fund, 1719–21. A Widow Turner bur. about 23 Aug 1737.

TURNER, Rebecca (1677–1756), dau. of James Turner of Standing Holme, m. (1708) John Cowell of Leeds, *q.v.*

WAILS (Wailes), Tabitha (1669–1729), dau. of John (d. 1691) and Isabel (Cowper) Wailes, of Leeds, m. (1700) Aaron Atkinson, *q.v.* Isabel Wails, mother of Tabitha was author of 'A warning to the inhabitants of Leeds, and all others . . . who have wilfully been persecuting the people of the Lord' (printed 1685) (Smith II, 846).

WALKER, Ann (d. 1724), dau. of Sarah Walker, of Birstall, m. (1699) Abraham Ledger, of Leeds, *q.v.*

WALKER, Edna (1663–1712), dau. of William and Jane Heaviside, of Bishop Auckland, m. (1691) Robert Walker, of Healey lane end, *q.v.*

WALKER, Eleanor (Middleton), wife of Miles Walker, *q.v.*

WALKER, Elizabeth (d. 1765), dau. of Robert Walker of Healey, m. (1700) Joshua North of Wortley, *q.v.*

WALKER, Jane (d. 1759), of Brighouse meeting, m. (before 26 July 1706) George North (d. 1766) of Wortley, *q.v.*

WALKER, Miles, of Liversedge, schoolmaster; m. (1) Mary Wright, 20 June 1697; dau. Mary b. 1698; Miles Walker m. (2) Eleanor Middleton, of Ulrome, at Clare Hartas, Ulrome, 3 March 1706. (Eleanor Walker travelled in the ministry with Edna Walker; on appointment in Leeds meeting for family visits.) Miles Walker came into Brighouse M.M. on certificate from Wandsworth M.M. dated 6 May 1704; sufferer (for tithe), 1709, 1710 (L14); an elder, 1711 (Q2, 134); on various appointments in Leeds meeting, and representative to M.M.; in Dec 1712 he took the school over the stables and agreed to pay rent in money or by teaching poor Friends' children; removed to London in 1720; the goods which he left behind were valued and purchased by Friends; George Baly bought a desk; in 1728 his advice was sought about a schoolmaster (E2); he was appointed a London correspondent of Yorks. Q.M. in June 1724 and in 1731 was granted a sum of money for his former services in suffering cases (information from Pearson Thistlethwaite).

WALKER, Robert (d. 1716) of Healey lane end, Batley p., clothier, m. (1) Edna (1663–1712) dau. of William and Jane Heaviside of Bishop Auckland, at John Bradford's, Ossett, 20 May 1691. Edna Walker travelled in the ministry with Eleanor Walker, wife of Miles Walker (Allott, 23); ch.: Robert (b. 1692, d. 1732, of Bingley), Hanna (1695–1700), Tabitha (b. 1697), Susanna (b. 1699, d. 1727 of Dewsbury?); a Mary Walker (b. 1705) described as dau. of Robert, Brighouse M.M.; Elizabeth Walker (dau. of Robert Walker of Healey) who m. Joshua North in 1700, may be by an earlier marriage, or dau. of another Robert Walker; a Thomas Walker (s. of Robert Walker of Batley)

left 40s. to poor Friends, in 1706 (Q2, 26, 28). Robert Walker of Healey m. (2) Ruth (b. 1690) dau. of Timothy Maud, of Crossflatts, at Timothy Maud's, 2 Feb 1715. Robert Walker (variously described as of Healey, of Heckmondwike, of Batley) sufferer (for tithe), 1690–1711 (L14).

WALTON, Sarah, *formerly* Hopkins; perhaps the Sarah Hopkin (b. 1676) dau. of Thomas; disowned 1707 (Q2, 62).

WATSON, Ely (*or* Eli), disowned for marriage by a priest 24 Feb 1710 (Q2, 108).

WATSON, Rebecca (d. 1716), of Monk Heselden, co. Durham, m. (1709) William Dickinson, of Morley, *q.v.*

WATSON, William, of Leeds, clothworker, s. of William Watson of Hillhouse Bank, m. Elizabeth (d. 1719) dau. of John Parker of Slaidburn, at Leeds, 30 Jan 1706; ch.: Sarah (1706–08), Samuel (1708–12), John (1711–12), Tabitha (1714–28). William Watson dealt with for taking too much strong drink in 1715, and in 1716 it was reported that he had been prosecuted for debt, had absconded and fled the country (E2).

WEBSTER, Ann (d. 1711), wife of Robert Webster; s. Jonathan d. 1713 (Pontefract M.M.).

WEBSTER, Elizabeth (d. 1729), wife of Robert Webster (d. 1729), of Mapplewell; a Benjamin Webster d. 1697, s. of Robert and Elizabeth Webster, of York M.M. (another family?).

WEBSTER, Isaac (d. 1708), of Hillhouse Bank, nr Leeds; of Woodhouse, 1667, 1669; m. Mary Hargrave *or* Hargarive (d. 1693) of Hillhouse Bank, at George Lapage's, Leeds, 2 Jan 1667; ch.: Jacob (1667–69), Hana (b. 1669, perhaps the Hannah Webster (d. 1765) of Gildersome), Joshua (d. 1689).

WEBSTER, Jacob. Perhaps the Jacob Webster of whom there was a scandalous report in 1721, so that Friends did not feel free to take his collection for maintenance of the poor; disowned 1724 (E2).

WEBSTER, Matthew (d. 1753), of Selby, shoemaker, s. of Matthew Webster, of Selby; m. Sarah (d. 1717) dau. of Richard Kendall, of Leeds, at Leeds, 30 June 1703; ch.: Mary (b. 1704), Matthew (b. 1705), Samuel (b. 1706), John (b. 1708), Isaac (d. 1718); a Sarah dau. of Matthew Webster of Selby m. John Armitage of Oulton, at Selby, 1743.

WESTERMAN, Joseph (d. 1711), of Morley; of Gildersome meeting, sufferer (for tithe), 1711 (L14, 213); m. Hannah (1659–1743) dau. of Thomas Thackery (*or* Thackeray) of Rooms, towards end of 1695; M.M. refused consent to the marriage 'untill a finall end be made betwixt him & his aunt, with whom we understand he was formerly concerned' (Q1, 66, 30 Aug 1695).

WHITAKER, Mary (1686–1746), dau. of John Whitaker, of Halifax, m. (1711) John Plummer of Leeds, *q.v.*

WILD, James, received payment for work and for the use of his cart for loading stones, in connection with the repair of the Meeting house, 1691 (L21, 21, 22).

WILDE (Wildy), Samuel (d. 1732), of Leeds; received payment for looking after Friends' horses; received money annually from Robert Peart's legacy for the poor, and an allowance for himself and his wife from M.M. poor fund, 1725–32; the poor fund paid 15s. for his burial; Widow Wildy received an allowance from the poor fund 1732–34 (E2). Elizabeth Wildey d. 1734, widow of Samuel, late of Mill Hill.

WILKINSON, Ann (d. 16 Feb 1698) of Hunslet.

WILKINSON, Richard (d. 1737), of Beeston; of Bolton, 1702, 1704; of Woodhouse Hill, 1705; of Hunslet, 1708; of Royds nigh Beeston, 1709; wife Mary (d. 1742, of Royds, widow of Richard; she received allowance from poor fund, 1740–42); ch.: Elizabeth (m. 'by a priest', 1714, and guilty of disorderly behaviour), Sarah (b. 1702, m. John Benson of Morley, 1732), Mary (b. 1704), Jeremiah (1706–22), John (reported to have m. out, May 1723 — L.P.R., *Th.S.*, xxiii, 4: John Wilkinson and Sophia Seal marr. 21 April 1723), Joseph (b. & d. 1708), Joseph (b. 1710), Richard, junior (d. 1758, of Royds; m. Hannah Gaunt (d. 1771) in Leeds parish church, 25 April 1723 (*Th.S.*, xx, 82), but apparently received back into membership about 1736); Richard Wilkinson, senior, grew no corn in 1710, and no tithe demanded, but oats taken, 1711 (L14, 194, 209); in 1706 he was lent money by M.M. for a cow (Q2, 41, 43); in 1718 he was dealt with for his unchristian carriage towards his wife by sorely beating her; in debt in 1723–24, and was given advice by Friends about paying what he owed (E2).

WILSON, Elizabeth (d. 1711), of Hunslet; widow of Vincent Wilson (d. 1687), *q.v.*

WILSON, Joshua, s. of Vincent Wilson (d. 1687); sufferer, 1684 (Besse II, 165), and (for tithe), 1703 (L14, 150); wife Grace (d. 1752) rented the house by the meeting house from 1725, and kept a fire in her house for the convenience of Friends; she received money from Robert Peart's legacy from 1746, and her rent remitted in 1747 (E2). Ch. of Joshua and Grace Wilson: Sarah (b. 1689, m. Daniel Langstaff, 1711; disowned, 1712), John (b 1691), Rebecca (b. 1693, m. Joseph Lister, 1715), Henry (b. & d. 1698), Henry (1701–32), Vinsant (1705–06), Grace (b. 1709, m. out 1727; perhaps the Grace Wilson who m. Henry Cotton, 3 April 1727 — L.P.R., *Th.S.*, xx, 92). Joshua Wilson was disowned in 1711.

WILSON, Sarah (b. 1689), dau. of Joshua Wilson, m. (1711?) Daniel Langstaff, *q.v.*

WILSON, Vincent (d. 1687), of Holbeck, clothier; sufferer, 1683, 1684 (Besse II, 154–5, 156–7, 165); ch. of Vincent Wilson: Sarah (d. 1674), Joshua (disowned, 1711). Margarie Wilson, of Holbeck. wife of Vincent, d. 1681; Vincent Wilson m. (2) Elizabeth Hopkins (d. 1711) of Leeds, at Wm Cundall's, Morley, 2 Sept 1683.

WILSON, William (d. 1735), of Gildersome, clothmaker; m. Susanna (d. 1743) dau. of Thomas Sykes of Farnley, at Leeds, 10 June 1702; ch.: William (b. 1703, m. out, 1727), Ralph (b. & d. 1704), Joshua (b. 1707), Joseph (b. 1717). William Wilson (of Bramley in 1704, 1707) sufferer (for tithe), 1707–08 (L14).

WINN (Wynn), Deborah (d. 1727), wife of John Winn, of Bradford, *q.v.*

WINN (Wynn), John (d. 1699), of Bradford; stockinger (1683); m. Deborah Kitchin at Bradford, 1 Nov 1668; dau. Deborah (1686–1738, m. (1710) John Bell of London (d. 1761); and travelled widely in the ministry). John Winn, sufferer, 1671, 1682–83, 1695, 1696 (L14). For an account of John and Deborah Winn, *see* Hodgson, 6–12, 24, 25, 27, 28; and *The memory of the just reviv'd; in divers testimonies concerning the labours . . . of . . . John Wynn*, 1715 (Smith II, 967).

WOOD, Grace (d. 1734), m. (1711) John Smith of Leeds, *q.v.*

WOOD, Jonas. The matter of his request

for a certificate to London referred to Leeds Friends, 30 Jan 1702 (Q1, 126).

WOODHOUSE, Mary, of Monk Bretton; by codicil to her will dated 26 March 1710 left £160 to trustees for charitable purposes; 10s. a year to be paid out of the interest to the poor of Monk Bretton and the Smithies (Barnsley) for ever; and £7. 10s. to be distributed every year by Q.M. The legacy was invested in land near Stainforth, in the manor of Hatfield; the land was sold in 1785 and produced £616. (Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting of Friends, *Statement of charitable funds and other properties*, 1932, 7, 9–10.)

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Mr Oagle
Mr Colverlys
Garden
Mr Shaw
Bowling Green
Croft
Lands
Lane
Croft
Mr Brearey
Alder.n
Brearey
Croft's
Shambles
Vicar Lane
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Kirkgate
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Briggate
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E
Trinity Church
Market Place
G
Cripple Gate
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Boar Lane
School